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AGENDA

POUR

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JANVIER

1 MERCREDI. Circoncision 1-364

Matt. 1-3, Psalms 120, 121.

The new year begun far away from home in a strange land. There was not very much unusual about the day. In the afternoon we had a little entertainment from the Y.M.C.A. It was very little so far as either talent or life went but being a gift horse we did not feel disposed to be too critical.

There does not seem to be any immediate prospect of our going over the sea. We are ready but there are the thousand and one delays and this particular base section seems to be the least efficient and the least well organized of them all.

It is hard to make plans for the year from this uncertain point of inaction. I should like it if plans worked out that would bring Anne MacGregor and me back here to France to Montauban to complete some of the studies in history that I planned and worked for last year at Princeton.

Then I should like to make this journal a little more significant thing. The habit is well formed now as I complete ten full years of diary writing. I well remember the night in Potsdam in 1909 when I filled the first pages of a little book with the names of the guests at a party.

Clear - + 49

Matt. 4-6 Psalms 75, 76

Walked in the forenoon for a couple of hours. Took the road out to the west of town and went to reach the large wireless station. Did not get there, but walked down to the water front and looked over to Basse Indret. This place figures in the Drownings that were the order of the day in the winter of 1793-1794 when Jean Baptiste Carrier held his reign of terror here in Nantes.

Read all afternoon in the other book of Lenotre's, the Drama of Varennes. In the evening the crowd gathered for the usual session of Five Hundred. I quite often play in on these games because it is an innocent way to spend a part of the large excess of time which everyone has on their hands now. When I play in the game does not get nearly so rough as to language and as there never is any money up I have figured that I was contributing to the spiritual tone of things by keeping in close touch with these men. A great amount of this very disconcerting roughness in the mind of the army is only a kind of boyish braggadocio and yields oftimes to the kindly sarcasm of somebody who is friendly by unapproving

Rainy + 46

JANVIER

3 VENDREDI. Ste Geneviève 3-362

Matt 7-9 Psalms 82, 83.

Spent most of the day reading. Finished Lenotre's Le Drame de Varennes. I felt moved to write a little note of my own that I pasted into the book. I too was in Varennes on several occasions and reading the book has been one of the treats of the long hours there in Boureuilles. I also took in hand a thesis on the Condition of the Reformed Church in France between 17?? and 1787. This serious effort to keep up a little of my reading will help to prevent me from becoming stale and permanently injured for studious habits.

Word came that in about a week Chaplain Monod of the French army would be here in Nantes and I immediately booked him up for a service and for dinner out here. I had dinner with this gentleman last year at Dr. Warfield's home in Princeton and then discussed with him the prospects of study in France here. And now in just about a year I find myself here in France and this man near at hand.

Rainy +40

Matt. 10-12. Psalms 85,86.

Worked today for the Personnel Adjutant of the regiment. I decided that now for a few days I had a good chance to see how much a theologically inclined person could pick up and master of these mundane duties that the business personages are always so deeply impressed with. After a few hours I am of the opinion that my problems are as large, as difficult and as hard to settle as those that come to the average officer in the army. The thing about us ministers is that so much that we are interested in is unseen and unheard and when we are very full of care and very busily engaged we do not appear to be doing anything that shows material results. So the world judges us idle

Partly Clear + 38

JANVIER

5 DIMANCHE. S. Siméon 5-360

I Kings – Matt 13-15, Psalms 22, 23.

Preached up in a little dance hall in Bonnemais in the morning. Used a book of hymns, psalms etc made by the Houghton Mifflin Co. It is designed for the use of a chaplain, is non-sectarian and I liked it rather well. I feel the need of some kind of a liturgy in my army services. I believe it can be easily overdone, but a little gives the men some part in the service. There are prayers that they can say. These draw their attention more acutely to the matter in hand and tend toward a better service.

Had Mr. Jones of Calif. & a. Anna Hindman give a p.m. service in the chapel at Mes Cognets. Distributed quite a number of Testaments.

Received three November letters from Anna Mae, Grace and folks.

Noted in I Kings 18:31 that Elijah took twelve stones to build the altar on Carmel. Since he was addressing himself to Israel only, this fact seems to signify that the spiritual meaning of the term Israel had already come into use. This if true makes the literalistic interpretations of the later prophets hard to support.

Am writing up in a little cold attic room in this chateau of Beaumais. The rain is beating on the sky light window.

Rainy - +37

Matt. 16-18. Psalms 38, 39.

Worked most of the day looking over the service records of the different batteries to see whether they contained the requisite papers that will be required by the inspectors who will look us over before we go aboard the boat. The items are-

qualification card
equipment record
pay-card
allotment application
insurance application

Battery B. moved down today to the other camp. I looked over the chances of my finding a good place to have a little room down there. It would be a very nice thing and would provide me a place where men could look me up to talk to me. It was thought that there was such a room with a fire place.

Went into town in the car. All this riding about in cars will not be my lot when I get back to my civil status and emoluments.

I would dearly love to have a good warm room and have a little chance to be a pastor to this outfit. All that would be a very worth while business and be a consolation for not being able to go home right away.

Rainy - +42

JANVIER

7 MARDI. S. Théau 7-358

Matt. 19-21, Psalms 92, 93.

I went into Nantes to take up with the YMCA the problem of running some kind of a school in the regiment. As usual I found them unable to be definite and businesslike. They only had touched the fringes of the problem. I wrote out the names of some lines of study that we may be able to launch here. This marks the beginning of my career as an educator. The subjects are various - History - Economics - Mathematics - French - English - Citizenship Engineering. This is a full line and no doubt some of the items will fall to the ground because no one is interested or else because no one can be found to teach the subjects.

Learned today of the death of Theodore Roosevelt. It was a shock because he was a conspicuous figure in our national life. I was not in sympathy with a great many things that he did and said but he was a man who was great in many ways. He had a wide interest in life. He knew a great deal and yet was not a deep thinker. He was good at many things without being thoroughly versed in any one thing. He was perhaps a very fair sample of our American life - both of its good points and bad points. The last time I saw him was when he addressed our little training company at Princeton.

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Matt. 22-24, Psalms. 15, 16.
Wrote a letter in my best French to Mme. A. Maison to order from her another tea cover so Elizabeth Parker may have the one I sent over last summer. Looked over some service records in p.m. and purchased a little foot warmer. It is made of a earthen dish in a small wooden rack. You put some burning coals of wood and ashes in it and it gives off a great deal of heat. I am sitting in my little attic room now writing with it under my feet. I am hoping that it will not be long now before we shall receive the welcome word to be off for home. It will seem too good to be true to be actually on the way there.

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JANVIER

9 JEUDI. S. Julien 9-356

Matt. 25-28. Psalms. 125,126.

Mended my corona typewriter most of the morning. This is another nice day. Read a touching little booklet written from the letters of a young French boy, the son of a missionary in Africa. He came to France to go to [illegible] and went into the army. He was killed up near Arras. The life of this boy was unusually close to the Master. His letters and diary made a very vital and helpful booklet. Read in the evening the theses of a theological student on the internal history of the Reformed Churches of France during the period of 1747-1787.

The moon is waxing again. These days are rather pleasant. I am anxious to get home but I realize that life is the present and my duty is to make the most of the day as it comes. That was one fact that was mentioned about Theodore himself. He was always intensely interested in the thing that was before him. [illegible] [illegible] is like that.

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Mark 1-3. Psalms. 20. 21.

Worked about on various odds and ends today. Took a walk in the afternoon. Stopped to watch a maker of wooden shoes at his task. He and his young son were both at work in a little low stone room on the door of which it is marked, Sabotier. He cut the shoes out of great blocks of willow and poplar wood. The principal tool was a long thick scythe-shaped blade which was fastened by a swivel joint to the bench. The other end had a handle. It was like a giant spoke shave with one handle held by the bench. Various forms of gouges and large sized gimlets completed the assortment - not over a dozen tools in all earn for this man and for his family their living. Doubtless his father before him made these sabots and so his son will make them when he grows up. It will be the only trade that he knows. Wrote John Parkers and A. V. Monod tonight.

Rainy +40

Mark 4-6, Psalms 145-146.

A miserable day over head. Went down to the other camp to see what the prospects were for my moving down there. Went to town and picked up a Y.M.C.A. entertainment party composed of a Mr. Cardiff of California, Miss Alice Tuttle of Portland Oregon, and James Scott of Louisville Kentucky. They gave a very good performance. Like several of the other parties they were [illegible] about the chapel where we had the entertainment. I fully concur with the spirit that would not desecrate a holy place, but in this war the church have turned over many of their churches for other purposes [illegible] this has been done. I feel free to use the building for anything that is not wrong in itself.

The day here is [illegible] I do not fully see yet what is the purpose of it all [illegible] but I think that the end of it all will be happiness and peace.

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Hosea, Mark 7-9, Psalms 70, 71.

Held morning service in the dance hall over a little pool room and wine shop down the street. Quite a good company came out. But I think that a little more advertizing will increase the attendance yet some.

Afternoon service at the other camp was not such a great success from some points of view. There was no piano. Miss Scott was unable to sing her solo but led the singing. There are a great many French children who come in. They do not add to the order & beauty of the service, but I hate greatly to drive them out, because as I look into their faces, I realize what the Gospel of Christ could mean to them. Oh I hope that something can be done to lighten the darkness of this land.

I collected some 4500 francs from the men for which I am to get money orders. This is one way to keep some of the money for better uses than it might otherwise be put to. It also relieves some of the suffering men from being forced to loan money.

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13 LUNDI. Baptême de N.-S. 13-352

Mark 10-12, Psalms 136, 137.

Chaplain Victor Monod of the French Army came out to dinner and made a speech to the men in the afternoon. I discussed with him thoroughly the prospects for getting a degree from Montauban Seminary. He is to write a letter there for me. There is a problem up now as to whether the seminary shall move to Paris or not. I should be glad if it would because it would offer some added advantages in attending. I am anxious to register myself there and begin my work on whatever theses I am to write. A lot of the work can be done in absentia and I can make good use of this in between time when I would otherwise be losing time from an academic point of view. If I could save this time and be on the way to my last working degree I should be most happy – I trust it may so work out. D.V.

Rainy +40

Mark 13–16, Psalms. 140, 141.

Arose at six-thirty to read my Bible and pray. To begin the day right is to make it count for double. A day into which one flings oneself without consideration, prayer, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, as one is flung who arises only in time to meet the first appointment of the day with mankind, is a day already put in jeopardy. If it is guided at all it is guided by chance or the whim or necessity of the moment. Whereas a day over whose hours the soul in prayer and meditation has cast a sentinel glance is a day at least surveyed and roughly measured. For he who looks ahead in prayer has something of God's own foresight given him.

Spent most of the day at the lower camp. Wrote two letters one to Prof. Bois at Montauban and one to Dr. Warfield in Princeton. I am wondering what will be the outcome of this all. I want to have the help that the Montauban experience will give me, if it is to prove to be a help. I want to use all the means that lie before me to make myself a power in the world for bringing in the kingdom of Heaven. Ah there is so much that seems to run counter to that great kingdom.

Luke 1-3, Psalms.-61,62.

Am anxious to day to return home.
Some mornings when I waken it
seems hard to face the day. Usually
I can forget myself by plunging
into some work. If I can obtain
some definite information from the
Seminary at Montauban that will
mean that I can obtain a degree
there after a short period of work
in residence I should be most
happy - It would give me a final
clinch on my scholastic life and
would serve me in good stead
I believe. I want God's will to be
done in this. Perhaps He is keeping
me here just so He may give me
some new achievement in the
line of my work of preparation.

The day was stormy and nothing
of any consequence was accomplished
in an external way. It is too bad that
any time is lost. Every moment ought
to have its meed of accomplishment
but in the army it is very hard to
live up to one's standard. There are
so many hindrances and so many
other elements that have to be
constantly kept in the front, that
the chaplain's work will lag unless
unless he is very assiduous and
persistent in his duties. I hope
that we may not be here so very
much longer, we have waited for
a good many days now and
no good news have come as yet.

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JANVIER

16 JEUDI. S. Fulgence 16-349

Luke 4-6, Psalms 142, 143.

Spent a good part of the day in hunting on errands of various kinds. Wrote to Chaplains Office and asked for a leave of two days in Paris to look up the seminary there. A letter that Chaplain Bonnod sent me through the Y.M.C.A. was promptly lost by them.

We think that we have started the Colonel off on the way to getting us on a boat ready to go home. So far we have wasted many days in a sort of half hearted preparation. Finally we showed the colonel by different arguments that we were very near now to losing the next boat that comes to St. Nazaire. This has rather stirred him up to action and I sincerely hope that we can get away before very many more weeks pass over our heads. If I can clean up the seminary proposition before I leave I shall be very much pleased indeed.

I hope and pray that Aunty MacGreg is not too lonely without me. I know she is lonely but I know she is trusting God for strength & comfort.

Clear + 40

JANVIER

17 VENDREDI. S. Antoine 17-348

Luke 7-9, Psalms - 31, 32.

Walked to Les Conches and returned in the morning. The day was very fine overhead and the walk was a pleasure, indeed. I am having a little room fixed up down there where I think I will go to live. I should like to get closer to the men and most of them are living down there. I may be able to get into closer touch with some of them if I am there, where I can see them in their free hours and be where they can find me whenever they wish.

I earnestly hope and pray that we are not to be here for very much longer. I am so happy that Amy Macgregor and I had last winter together in Princeton. It makes this one much more bearable. We took that in case this one was to be spent apart. We are so greatly blessed that the war is over and there is not the imminent danger of meeting death, and so of postponing our meeting until we meet around the throne of our heavenly Father. How do we look for a sooner meeting here on this earth made beautiful by the footsteps of God as He walked the earth and taught us how to live.

Clear + 39

Luke 10-12, Psalms, 149, 150.

A beautiful day in the morning, clear sky, fresh air, bright sun. There are many evergreens about this chateau which lends a springlike look to the place. There has been no snow as yet for me this winter. It seems strange. It would seem more strange except for the fact that the whole experience here is so unusual that strangeness becomes the common thing.

Am reading a life of Camille Desmoulins. His was a bright spirit. Poor man he used fire and the fire turned and burned him. The story of these days always fascinates me. There is something so true about the underlying striving of these people and so wrong in the results that the story of these times always provokes deep reflection.

My room is about ready for me at the other camp. I am anxious to get there to do some personal work with some of the men there before we get off on the ships. The day has been unusually beautiful, warm and hope bringing. We do not give God thanks enough for all the good things that come to us in life as a part of the world about us. We neglect to notice gifts that are given alike to all the world

Luke 13-15; Lamentations. Psalms 113, 114.

Went down to Les Couetes at nine o'clock and held service. At 10:30 returned to Bouguenais and had my second service. Took for my theme the parable of the Ten Virgins. Went on to show how ill prepared we were through most of our life for the future, whether for our work but especially in the matter of our religious interests. One of the members of the band played the hymns for me. I used parts of the service in a book of forms published by the Houghton-Mifflin Company. It seems to me to be the best form of all I have had occasion to see.

Called on Chaplain Monod in the afternoon at the apartment of his mother and sister, #4 Rue Jean V. It was a very delightful call. We talked over various subjects and touched upon my hopes to do some work under the auspices of the Montauban Faculty. I do not believe that there will be time for me to go down there as I might profitably do. We are to be inspected tomorrow to see if the regiment is properly accoutred to make the journey home. If so we believe that it will not be such a very great while before we are on the ship sailing homewards.

Cloudy +37

Luke 16-18 Psalms 137, 138.

The days pass along. Today we are being inspected by the powers that be here and presumably the next move will be to go down to St. Nazaire. These next days will not be overly pleasant except for the joy that is set before me of being speedily at home with Anna MacGregor. She has been a paragon of love and patience and I pray she may be rewarded by seeing her heart's desire in the land of the living. Whether it will be given us to come back here or not matters little in one way because if God's will is done we can live on happily and do the task that is allotted knowing that life is in the present and does not belong to the future for us at all.

I am anxious to be able to talk to men individually about Christ, but there seems to be no chance in these days of confusion and anticipation of going home. The minds of all are full of other things.

Went to town in the afternoon. It was cloudy. Looked at the building where the Edict of Nantes was signed. [illegible] Burgot told me yesterday which building it was on the Quai de la Fosse

Clear + 40

JANVIER

21 MARDI. Ste Agnès 21-344

Luke 19-21 Psalms 142, 143

A cold and bleak morning. Now the time has seemingly come for us to go home. The days are beginning to wax long to the heart. The better part of a month of the new year has rolled past. The fact that we are on the eve of departure renders void any plans I have. I should have liked to have settled down at the other camp but at first it was hard to do so. I could accomplish more for the regiment as a whole by being at headquarters. From now on I can do more good by being with the men. But to move now seems foolish in the face of our all going before many days.

This experience with the continuous longing to bring men to a more perfect knowledge of Christ expands the soul but I am often sad when I fail to see wherein I have made any visible signs of progress. Perhaps there are hidden things that eternity will show.

I do not pray enough. Brothers about that method of gaining insight. I do truly long to be affected.

Went to Hes C & to quarters with Col. Jung to see sight.

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JANVIER

22 MERCREDI. S. Vincent, m. 22-343

Luke 22-24 Psalms, 97, 98.

The dawn was slow, a heavy sifting rain was falling, which turned into snow for a few moments. I went down to the lower camp before noon and remained there until evening. Had a chance to talk to one boy about joining the church. Started to walk out to Bouguenais but the car came along and picked me up.

Letter from father of date Dec. 11 came telling of my cable. I fear me this will be the last letter that I will receive because the cable told of my fatuous dream that I was coming home. The days seem very long but I am forced to believe that I can do God's work here also. I pray for grace to do it with [illegible] for I [illegible] nothing of the future whether there be any to speak of.

Read a good section of a sketch of the life of Clemenceau. He also [illegible] at 3 am to work. He neither smokes or drinks. Such it is with the lives of the great men.

Clear + 30

John 1-3, Psalms 46, 47.

Went to Camp #2 early and worked from there all day. Posted some notices telling where my office was. I think if no sign of our going comes I shall arrange to sleep down there also. That will give me the evenings as well as the day time among the men. A great deal is gained by just being within call. Up here I am not near the few men who are living in this town.

Went to the Art Gallery in the afternoon. There were some very beautiful paintings by famous artists. Rembrandt, Rubens, Murillo, Dürer, Van Dyke, Watteau were all represented. At a place like that I wish for some one particularly Amy MacGregor with whom I can talk about the pictures. Some of them are worth sitting down in front and gazing at.

Pictures are particularly living ones. Autographs are another form of self identification that to my mind lingers longest. I can always feel the presence of the writer as I read the writing he [illegible] left signed. I look intently at it and some of the atmosphere of that distant day comes back to me.

Clear +28

John 4-6, Psalms. 54, 55.
The coldest day yet in France. Went to town on errands in a.m. stayed at camp #2 for lunch and through the afternoon. Talked to several men and I feel that the day has been of more value than is usual. As yet there is no word of our departure. I could wish that I could gather in some books and other things that would help me to get in touch with the men. It is a delicate task to bring a soul into the new life. Among us Americans there is not a great external difference in appearance between God's people and the rest. Men however do not feel the weight of the words "you must believe" we confound being a Christian with just trying to be good.

I am slipping in my fight to make of myself a winner of souls into God's family. I am convinced of this of my ignorance & things [illegible] and my weakness.

Cloudy +25

JANVIER

25 SAMEDI. Conv. S. Paul 25-340

John 7-9. Psalms 20.21.

Thought over a sermon for Sunday. Read a bit and went to Nantes with a small party who wanted to see the museum. I was glad to be able to spend a little time longer there among the relics of a long history. Looking over the ages as one sees them there spread out before one century by century I was struck by the thought, there is not very much that changes. Now we see the proof of skill greater here than in another place and time. but the same things are there. Here were the relics, the [illegible] instruments used by the way we are just beginning to induce agony, the pins and knives just such as we are still making. I believe the theory will gradually die out that we have advanced very much beyond our remote ancestors in the elemental human characteristics.

The evening was somewhat gloomy because there was no good word for us as to when we should leave this fair land of France. It gets pretty discouraging at times this endless waiting without results.

Cloudy +24

John 10-12, Zechariah, Psalms 143-146

Two services in the morning. It was very cold and there were not so many out. I thought that after all there would not be very many people back in comfortable home, who would leave a warm spot to go to church in a place as cheerless and forlorn as the two rooms which served us this morning. This is teaching me to realize that worship must not depend on warm comfortable churches beautiful music. A church such as we have at home will seem too good to be true, but I believe too much comfort tends to warp the spirits of the people. A little rigor is something to be desired.

Have decided to go down to the other camp and stay for the rest of the time that we are here. I can be of more use there I believe.

Will not be able to go down to Montauban. Am afraid of missing the regiment should it suddenly leave as it is more than likely to do. This doubtful lingering is far from satisfactory. Hope it ends before very much longer.

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JANVIER

27 LUNDI. Ss Martyrs R. 27-338

John 13-15, Psalms, 128, 124.

Went over my books in the a.m. and sorted out six small packets to send home. I had read most of them and am glad to get them on their way home. I hope and pray to be able to follow them before very long.

Moved down to Camp #2 in the afternoon. Am now tucked away in one of the smallest rooms of this erstwhile young ladies seminary. In days gone by I suppose the maidens who lived here were brought up in all the rites and superstitions of the Roman Church. There is a great contrast between that time and this when the men are all over the place, sleeping in the chapel and even playing at cards and dice on the steps of the altar. It would make some of the old worthies of this place turn over in their graves. And yet to a large degree can be traced all this war to that old order of things, a religion without morality, the letter and form without the spirit. France has had a grievous lesson for all her sin and carelessness. I wonder whether she has yet learned what it means?

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JANVIER

28 MARDI. S. Charlemagne 28-337

John 16–18 Psalms 138, 139.

The seventeenth chapter of John never touched me so profoundly as this morning. Christ stood before me in a new light. I looked into His face and felt more intimate with Him. The mixture of Divine majesty and human pleading fairly tear one's heart. There is the memory of supernatural glories and the trepidation of the human soul in the face of the great crisis. Then there glows the conviction that our Lord looked past the little group before Him to all of us who as He said have believed through their word. It is one of the most personal words in the Gospel to me.

Took a small party to town to see the museums. I will become pretty familiar with Nantes if I stay here much longer. It is beginning to seem somewhat like an "old home town". I shall begin to take an active civic interest in the paint on the building of the town hall ere long and I believe I ought to have a vote at the next election for mayor. They will be after my poll tax if I appear much more on the main street of the town as I have been doing pretty regularly.

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JANVIER

29 MERCREDI. S. Franç. de S. 29-336

John 14-21 Psalms - 104, 110.

"Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed". Our Lord was looking ahead perhaps [illegible] little company that gathered together in the upper room. Then there was a second instance when our Lord refers directly to a period when he will be no longer visible [illegible] then, but when there will be those whose faith shall be in Him upon His word. He seems to have had a very tender concern for us of these later days even at that first day of the first [illegible] of the season, Easter. So it has always been. Continuous reading in the Gospels throws ever new and beautiful lights upon the person and work of the Saviour —

The day did not wear very well. By evening I felt rather blue and discouraged. This delay and needless inactivity is very wearing. For a few days you can face it out and then it catches a hold on you and for a season you are down in the depths of despair. I think now that I shall go back to Kongmoon [illegible] & live and resume my [illegible] here for the day. There does not seem to be much going on here in the evening.

Clear A 8 t 39

Matt 1-3. Psalms 138, 139.

After the night the day comes. Am back again to Matthew. It takes about a month to read through the four Gospels. They are all different. Each has its peculiar point of view and adds a new ray to the light they all shed. Perhaps no single study would be more profitable than that of these four different accounts of the life on earth and work of redemption accomplished by our Lord. Prayed last night for the men here in this great building. There are over one thousand of them and I am the one who is most interested in their highest good, that is I am supposed to be equipped to be and ought to be. I feel that in the face of such a task I am not very nearly equal to it. One is very much baffled by the problem.

Returned to Bouguenais in the afternoon. There is very little chance to do much at the other camp in the evening. Perhaps I will go back again next week if we are still there. These days are very useless from many points of view. The men are all restless and I hope we can get away before much more time passes.

Matt. 4-6. Psalms - 104, 105.

Another month has passed over my head and still we linger here. I wonder what my wife is thinking. I hope she is not finding it too hard to be patient. These are big days and whenever I feel very much depressed at being held here I realize how blessed we are that we are even thinking of going home.

I think on Sunday DV I will take Matt 4:19 for my subject, "Follow me and I will make you fishers of men". How Christ can take us with our existing abilities and proficiency and turn it to unthought of uses and at great advantage in the results of our labor. How different and how much alike are the two sorts of fishing here referred to. So it ever is when Christ takes a soul and devotes it to His work.

Talked with a young Czech Anthony Spry. He has had a very strange history, most romantic and full of promise. He was once a pupil of Masarik the new Czecho Slovak premier. He speaks seven languages and has been all over the world working on ships. He is educated and especially interested in painting and art.

Cloudy +36

FEVRIER

1 SAMEDI. S. Ignace 32-333

Matt- 7-9. Psalms 111,112.

Went down to Camp #2 in the morning and talked to a few of the men. In the afternoon I tried to get to Nantes to take a bath, but I was delayed until it was too late to take the bath before we had to return. We have not as yet had any definite information as to when we depart. General Pershing is to come here on Monday and there the Colonel is able to put a bug in his ear, but I expect it will not do any particular good. It is all a result of a series of delays and no one individual is really wholly responsible. That is the way the army is made up. You can most always pass the trouble along or divide it with the next one and so escape the onus of it wholly.

Another week has fled. Tomorrow is another Sunday. I have my work to do. A good many Sundays have come and gone here far more than I had any idea would find me here. So is the way God leads me.

Clear +30

FEVRIER

2 DIMANCHE. Purification 33-332

Matt. 10-12 Ezekiel; Psalms, 91, 92.

Preached at Les Conets and at Boyvenais as my custom has come to be through these long weeks that have gone over us here near Nantes. I took my subject from Mt. 4.19 as I thought I would. The day was bright and clear but rather cold. I took the opportunity to talk to Col. Shelton about joining the church. I saw him and let him go past and then afterwards I was not able to drag myself away from the camp until I had gone back and talked with him about this important consideration.

Sewed on a service stripe on my overcoat in the evening and finished my book in the Bible which had 42 chapters. The most striking feature of army life is the profanity. It seems to be almost universal and continuous. I am trying to bring the little group of fellows I have to a little higher level. Sometimes I am discouraged by them, but again I feel a little hope. This is all a great but rather trying experience. A year ago I was taking and examination in Napoleonic campaigns. How strangely our life is laid out for us.

Cloudy + 32

FEVRIER

3 LUNDI. S. Blaise 34-331

Matt. 13-15, Psalms. 113, 114.

Marched down to Nantes to the area beside the Gare d'Orleans and awaited General Pershing. He inspected the regiment and expressed himself as very well pleased with it. There were three French generals and a marshal representing them besides several of our own officers. It was not nearly so impressive as some other ceremonies that I have seen.

Had a bath in the afternoon tried to buy a heavy bath towel but was unable to find one that was anything like the thick variety that we are used to at home. To-night I am a little depressed at the prospect of still waiting here day after day. It has been a pretty long hard pull and I am praying that it will not be very much longer until we do at last get. I should like to see some of the prominent figures who are at the Peace Conference but I think I want to get home most of all. Only at times. We are now entangled in a mass of red tape that all has to be unwound.

Cloudy +35

FEVRIER

4 MARDI. S. Gilbert. 35-330

Matt. 16-18 Psalms 115, 116.

Spent most of the day at Camp #2. Talked with a few men. Everyone is in a too unsettled state to be very easy to talk with. This living day by day in rooms that are unsettled and cold with no mail and only one rumor and hope after another to think about makes a very poor atmosphere in which to calmly invite men's attention to the things that have to do with the soul and its interests.

Finished reading Robert Hugh Benson's novel "The Necromancers". It was an absorbing story and I envied the author his ability to work up a good sermon on spiritualism in such a good way. I believe the novel offers a great opportunity for the [illegible] man to preach the Gospel. I have thought about it before. Novels with purposes to preach have been widely read. Our Lord used the parable as a medium of teaching which was one of the common forms of His day. Why should not we today use what lies at our hands the same as He did. I think we are a little too conventional about our methods of winning men. No one way always works with all people at all times. Christ tried a variety of avenues of approach, why ought not we to do the same.

Rainy ... + 40

Matt. 19-21, Psalms 142, 143

The little snow that fell in the night vanished before the rain of the morning. There being no car I walked to the ferry. Word came that my orders were ready to go on leave to Paris. That was a pleasant surprise. Oddly enough I had wired Gordon Sikes only an hour before to have a room for me on Thursday night.

Conducted a party of French out to entertain the camps. Used the Y.M. truck and was thus able to pack my little hand bag. Came into Nantes and arranged my travel affairs. Had a rather satisfactory dinner at the Hotel de France. Met a most delightful little fellow with light hair who knew just a wee bit of English and who spoke very attractive French. It was just babyish enough to be quite intelligible to me. He looked and acted just about as I would expect a son of mine to look and act. It was a little of a shock to see him. He introduced himself by coming to my writing table where I was reading the evening paper and sweetly asked for the ink-stand whereat he proceeded to write a scribbly sort of letter to someone or other. Then he proceeded to show me pictures of his old home in Algiers. He was a ... I observed.

Cloudy +37

FEVRIER

6 JEUDI. S. Amand 37-328

Matt. 22-24 Psalms 140, 141

Arrived at the Gare d'Austerlitz at 7 30 am. Went over to the Union and stirred up Gordie Sikes. He was surprised and glad to see me. Arranged for my return at the Gare du Quai d'Orsay. It was an impressive walk about the streets.

After lunch, we took our stations at the entrance of the ministère des affaires étrangères and I saw the leaders of the conference. Clemenceau came first, then Lloyd George, Viscount Chinda, the Hedjaz representatives, President Wilson, Lansing, House, Balfour

It was the most eventful fifteen minutes of my life. I have been wanting to see these men for ever so long and now in due course of time God has made a way for me to do so.

Afterwards we went to see a wonderful Panthéon de la Guerre where all the prominent figures of the allied cause are portrayed in the midst of a symbolic and allegorical background. The painting is a wonderful work of art and its effect is most impressive.

Cloudy, +30

FEVRIER

7 VENDREDI. Ste Dorothée 38-327

Matt. 25-28 Psalms 95, 96.

Went to Bibliothèque Nationale in a.m. Learned a little of the methods of work there and enjoyed looking over a couple of journals. One article on the date of the accession of Philopator IV attracted me. Sept 221 was the date selected in the theses.

Went to Louvre in p.m. and saw Nike of Samothrace and Venus of Milo and was wonderfully impressed. Went over to Quai d'Orsay but missed seeing delegates go in. Went to see Sheldon Clark at Murat Mansion - learned how to get into conference. Went back into the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and saw all the members. Saw President Wilson in an animated discussion with Lloyd George. When a typist failed to be present I wrote out the official communique for [illegible] on State Department [illegible] his dictation. Meeting today was in Stephen Pichon's office. Was in the clock room and saw where full conference meets.

Had dinner with Art Dailey, Judson at Albert [illegible]. Afterwards [illegible] Rothschild mansion. It was a wonderful place. Talking all evening most happily. This has been a large and full day for me.

Clear + 27

FEVRIER

8 SAMEDI. S. Jean M. 39-326

Mark 1-3 Psalms 113, 114.

Spent most of day on P.L.M. train between Paris and Nantes. Read the papers and had dinner on one of the International wagon-lits which is also a dining car concern. The meal was only fair. And I realized when we were to arrive I think I should have waited and eaten a bite at the Red Cross here in Nantes.

Feel very glad and thankful for my trip. It came up to my expectations in every way and far outran them in very many ways. It was a delight to see Jordie Sikes. There was a sad side because I learned that Allen Tully, Jack Wolcott, and Sam Compton were dead, and in all probability Pop Cory is too. The thought of these young souls makes me wonder. Allen & Lawrence were two whom I have talked much to & yearned over them many a time and oft and wanted them to come a little farther out into the life that is Christ. They died in action, in the midst of the pain and din. they passed but I loved them and do still.

Clear +20

FEVRIER

9 DIMANCHE. Ste Apollonie 40-325

Mark 4-6 Micah. Nahum Psalms 105, 106.

Preached twice, very few being out because the day was so cold and the warm places so few that the spirit of worship was frozen notifying the isolated many who would otherwise have come out.

In p.m. I helped a little in the office. We have what seems to be rather definite word that we are to go before many days and I was anxious to do all I could to push ourselves along.

Enjoy remembering my two days in Paris. It was a very choice and unique experience that I was able to have there. I am so glad because I know that Anna, Gregor and the folks will enjoy having me tell of it all. That is a dream and hope that I once in a long time indulge myself with it when I am able to sit among my own people and choice friends and tell them my own story, not in itself so exceptional in comparison with others but mostly thrilling because I had the experiences and they will be interested in seeing me and hearing the story from my lips.

Clear +21

FEVRIER

10 LUNDI. Ste Scolastique 41-324

Mark 7-9 Psalms 80, 81.

Another cold clear winter day without snow, but with everything frozen tight. We are to make up the regiment into fourteen parts to go to the various demobilization camps in the States. My lot falls to Camp Dix again which pleases me very much. We formed this afternoon from the road. There are ninety in my detachment. It would be odd but interesting if I had a command this bunch back to Camp Dix.

I am much in hope that now we may be on the point of departing for home, life is very exciting. Last night I dreamed that I was home. There is so much waiting for me and so much that I want to do and start. All this experience has been so immensely worth while. God has brought me along such a marvellous way. Every step seems to have been bordered with the fair flowers of His sympathy with only the dews of tears on a few of the shaded portions of the garden where we walk together.

Cloudy + 33

Mark 10-12 Psalms 38, 39

Very little transpired this day. I tried to read but find there is too much confusion where I am not alone and it is so cold everywhere away from the fire that it is impossible to go off to some quiet place. Were this the summer time this spot would be well nigh ideal. It is in a beautiful location and out on the estate there are all sorts of places where one could take a book and read for hours together.

We received definite orders to be ready to leave on Friday. Now after such a long and tedious wait it would be wonderful if we should be able to hasten through the balance of the formalities and get aboard a boat for home. That very word "home" holds a wealth of magic in it. I have been away from Anne Mae Fryer now just as long as we were together before the war. Perhaps God has planned this just so in order to make us see just how much of a gift of His was the first months of life in Princeton.

Clear + 49

FEVRIER

12 MERCREDI. Ste Eulalie 43-322

Mark 13-16 Psalms 46. 47.

A beautiful balmy day, a very striking contrast to the days that have been coming along just now. Worked most of today on the records of our detachment. There are only two of us with the ninety men. Things are beginning to look more like going now. The moon is just about at the full and the weather has moderated decidedly. It seems a very long way back to the time when in December I came here expecting daily to leave for long. But all in all I am not sorry to have stayed. It has made my service over here long enough to seem to have amounted to something. I have added to my list of experiences and gained I trust somewhat in grace and in the knowledge of God and man. I am coming more and more to feel that my work will be more with a certain type of people. I cannot get into close grips with every class and condition of men. So I will have to concentrate my work among those with whom I can be the most effective.

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~~Mark~~ Luke 1-3 Psalms 66. 67

Spent the day with various details of departure. Had to investigate and settle up a matter of damage done to the grounds of a French doctor in the ~~village~~ farm. Then we had to take steps to collect from the men. It is difficult to locate all the men, no special check is made and all are in a club as it were to guard off trouble for each other. At last we seem to be on the eve of departure for St Nazaire. We have been here ~~[illegible]~~ a long while waiting for embarkation. A ~~good~~ part of this wait I believe has been useless. There has been friction and lack of cooperation and a bad spirit between the colonel and all the rest of the officers. I shall be glad indeed when I can sever my connections with the army and become once more a plain civilian and citizen. Only another emergency will call me back again.

Pt Nazaire +50

FEVRIER

14 VENDREDI. S. Valentin 45-320

Luke 4-6 Psalms 133, 134.
Arose at 4.30 a.m. in the dark because today we left Rouguemaire for good and all and made the journey to St. Nazaire. A large part of the regiment was drunk which made it harder for everyone. It disgusted some with liquor who had been inclined to treat the whole subject rather lightly. It is strange what a growing sentiment there is against things that impair many forces. The temperance question is afire now. I am not convinced that our government has not compromised itself on the wrong side of the question, but it is attempting to treat it at least.
We reached Camp #2 in time to get settled for the night. The moon is full and the air is balmy and our tongues cannot help but yell. I must so pray that no disappointment will come to me now as once more I [illegible] to a departing from. I believe that our Father will answer our prayers again. This is about the day that would have been the birthday of [illegible]. I did not design to be the [illegible] of such wonderful creatures. But they left signs reaching beyond the skies.

Cloudy +55

Luke 7-9 Psalms 113, 114,

Escorted the Camp Dix Detachment to their breakfast and signed for them. There was a medical inspection made of the whole outfit. We were scheduled to hasten on over to the delousing plant but this order was canceled and we kept close to quarters all day. Joe Avery and I went over to Camp #1 which is the main part of the works here. Our delay springs from the fact that the ship that was to take out a certain number of troops was held up and we are so near to going that this in turn held us up over here. We expect to go over to the other camp tomorrow. It seems to be doubtful now whether I can hold any services on Sunday, tomorrow. These days of constant movement are not favorable to the holding of public worship. Perhaps I am doing some good however by my presence and to the little things which constantly come along for me to do.

Pt Rainy +56

FEVRIER

16 DIMANCHE. Septuagésime 47-318

Luke 10-12 Micah Psalms 38,39

Expected to be moving on this day but did not, and so prepared to hold a service. Found when I came to hold the meeting that a camp chaplain named MacCory was there, I gave him my books and went out and gathered a crowd for him and made the prayer, he made a very good short talk.

We stayed here for the whole of the day but there seems to be no chance of getting out tomorrow. The band gave a concert in the afternoon. This confused system is hard on the more conventional forms of religious work.

One officer asked me today to help him to take the sick Hospital [illegible]. I have noticed that by being among these men a little better atmosphere is created and perhaps all this can be chalked up against what seems at times to be a lack of very definite or concrete results. This is the price of this calling of mine. The results are all above in a land that we can only see by faith.

Rainy +58

Luke 13-15, Psalms 128, 129,

Began day by signing the mess roll for our detachment. It rained most of the day and we did not go over to Camp #1 as we expected. That camp is crowded and we will only have to wait until a ship takes off enough troops to make room for us. As a big ship did come in yesterday we ought to be getting out of this camp by tomorrow.

Assisted at a review and presentation of a Croix de Guerre in the p.m. It was a very interesting ceremony and furnished a diversion for us all.

At night while we were sitting idle six sacks of first class mail came in from the United States. There was a letter from Ray Macgregor of the date of January 27 which was the most satisfying of almost all the letters. They had been [illegible]. Evidently Grandfather has been pretty sick & may be dead by this time. I hope not [illegible] I should like to see him.

Clindy +50

FEVRIER

18 MARDI. S. Siméon 49-316

Luke 16-18. Psalms 138, 139.

Worked over the mail in the a.m. and received another letter, one from Father which was full of news and very much to the point coming at this time. This little bit of mail has whetted my zeal to be homeward bound. They are all anxious to see me. That warms one's heart because here in the army here nobody cares, you can come or go, it is all the same. But at home you know it will all be different. Then you come into your own. Doubtless you are rated away above your deserts, but it is permissible to have one little place where you are king in the hearts of other human beings. God pity that poor soul who has no one who really doted upon you. There are many such poor souls. I have met them here in the army. I talked to one today who did not want to go home because he had not heard from his wife for all the time that he has been here. She is a wanderer. He has a two year old girl at home but the rest of his relatives have died lately. Perhaps he has other reasons but at all events his case is pitiful in the last degree.

Raining +58

Luke 19-21, Psalms 133, 134.

Read "The Woman Thou Gavest Me" by Hall Caine - Oddly enough there came into my hands this day also "Marriage" by H. G. Wells and "The Dynamic of Manhood" by Gulick. I presume there is a reason why all these should turn up here at this time. I should like to read them all through. They represent what is more or less the point of view of many in this present day.

Met a member of Pop Cory's M. G. Co. and heard from him some details of dear Pop's death. Sorely wounded in the left side by an explosive bullet he was captured and taken to a dug out where it is probable he was left to die. The Huns told him there was no chance of his recovery. The boy was in great pain and asked the man left with him to shoot him. C. H. Vosburgh, 727 Drury St. Rochester, told me this.

He died bravely. He was a lovable boy, seeking through the mazes of the activated ideas caught at Princeton for the truth. I had many talks with him. I wish I could have been with him when he died.

Pt Clear + 59

FEVRIER

20 JEUDI. S. Eucher 51-314

John 1-3 Psalms 54, 55

Went down to St. Nazaire town and had a very good lunch. Went on board the boat that is supposed to be our ship. Cashed a mileage voucher for 84 francs.

Colonel wanted to go out for supper to a little club down the road. This makes two very fine meals in one day in this place where we have getting along on almost nothing to eat at all. The information we have now points to next Tuesday as our day of sailing.

I am longing greatly to be able to get back. I hear that there is a church there which wants me to come and consider their congregation. Any church of people which want to be together and settled would seem like a blessed gift to me. All this continued moving and change is pretty full of discouragements to one who can not work like a painter working on a picket fence. He must do his work in the tablets of the hearts.

Rainy +55

FEVRIER

21 VENDREDI. S. Sévérien 52-313

John 4-6 Psalms 142, 143.

Moved from Camp #2 to Camp #2 in a terrific downpour of rain. It was all part of this business of getting away and I don't mind it so long as there is home at the other end of the long road. This has been a long and varied experience. It does not seem real in some ways. It is hard to think that I should have had these experiences.

Somebody is playing a violin here in this barracks room and it seems to make everything seem better. I wish mighty that I had some adequate grasp of music. I love it with all my soul. I am happy that Carmel MacGregor writes that she has been playing some time every day. I long for the time when there will be a little while each day when I can hear the soft music of those mighty pieces that have moved so many hearts. There is a power in music that grasps my soul by the Lord and can lead it anywhere. No wonder Heaven is said to be full of music.

Clear +53

FEVRIER

22 SAMEDI. S. Maxime 53-312

John 7-9. Psalms 145, 146.

A day full of items and of culminating joy of heart. I did not worry. I was made a casual and slated to go on the U. S. S. Mongolia which sails tomorrow. Agreed to go in troop space but found that I had been put in first class quarters when I came to look at the list as posted. There was no rain and the sun shone much of the time. All this produced a growing and deepening peace of heart. I feel very humble because I am being given a great deal. God always tempers His treatment of me with such a wise combination of discipline and delightful little gifts that in all cases so far I have been able to trace the reason for all that comes to me.

Now God willing in a few days more I shall be drawing nearer and nearer to my home. I hardly realize what has befallen me yet. But once I safely reach the States, and turn the key in the door I will perhaps begin to discover that I am home at last.

Rainy +58

John 10-12. Joel, Psalms 133, 134.

A large day for me although it was not much of a Lord's day from the point of view of the normal way in which the day is spent by me. Waited around all morning until an early dinner after which we casual officers received our travel orders and went to the U.S.S. Mongolia in motor buses. It did not seem to be true, it was such a momentous occasion.

At 4 p.m. our moorings were slipped and we glided out from the pier and passed through the very narrow little passage from the inner harbor. We are told that we will wait at the gateway of the sea for the morning in order to pass through the mine fields by daylight. This is perhaps much the better way for it would not be nice to hit one. I have been full of planty fears that something would come up to stop my going, and I guess now I will be out of sight of land before I really believe that I am on my way home to my dear ones, after all these experiences over here.

Fair +54

FEVRIER

24 LUNDI. S. Mathias 55-310

John 13-15. Psalms 113,114

Noon location
47.09.N 4.00 W.
74 miles from St. Nazaire
38 miles from Belle Isle

Read book on Poland by W. Alison Phillips. M.A. of Dublin University.

I have been thinking over the future if I am spared to see the culmination of my hopes and prayers. France has faded far astern on the horizon. I understand that a church at Cynwyd wants me to come and be their pastor. I will have to read the letters there from Dean Doumergue and Prof. Bois and see if they have any definite advice for me with regard to study in France.

But I feel that the first thing to be done is to take a few days apart and with God consult about the future, going over all the phases of the question and seeking to coordinate all the experiences I have had. I should like to be able to formulate some kind of a personal constitution to use as a fundamental law of any future life until such time as it has to be changed or perhaps discarded.

Pt. Clear +52

John 16-18, Psalms 142, 143.

Tim 28" Noon location
47.02 N 11.51 W
Day's run 280 miles
Total 518 "
Average speed 11.4 knots

Read Life of W. T. Stead by his daughter. It set me to wondering what there is in spiritualism. I have an idea that we shall [illegible] more of it now. These last years have seen so many die who in the normal course of events would not have died. Their death was mostly [illegible] in mystery [illegible] their dear ones feel [illegible] them differently than for those who die peacefully in their beds. I cannot but believe that many will seek to make some new contact with those [illegible] snatched so ruthlessly into the Beyond. This natural craving must be met wisely. If there is anything worthy in spiritualism we must make the most of it in so far as it adumbrates the reality of immortality and of its [illegible] it is a bulwark of our faith.

Cloudy +54

FEVRIER

26 MERCREDI. S. Nestor 57-308

John 19-21 Psalms 88, 89.

Noon Location
46.37 N 17.23 W
Day's Run 269 miles
Total Run 587 "
Average speed 11. knots
Time set back 26"

Finished book describing the Guillotine under the Terror last evening. Did not have a very good sleep as to my feelings afterthough in its agony I felt its best not for a little while. I think by tomorrow I may begin to count on getting my sea legs. The time drags a bit heavily here on shipboard. The weeks used to go much more rapidly each at Bongenais, but then they were not [illegible] as I [illegible] up this one. Every moment [illegible] every [illegible] brings me [illegible] nearer to Ame [illegible] and home. The future with her is all brightness. It has made all the trip so much better because she has been at home keeping the fires burning. She is a dear dear girl and has been a marvel of bravery and of every good quality which I have been carrying.

Clear + 59

Matt 1-7 Psalms 46, 47

Noon location
45.30 N 24.22 W
12.1 knots per hr
Days run 298 miles
Total run 885 miles.
Time set-back 29 min.

We are in the Gulf Stream now and the weather was delightful all day. It was almost as warm as summer. All this seems very strange to me who have been used to a steady cold winter without all these various breaks and interruptions. I feel more like one of these wealthy wanderers who sets off upon his travels as soon as ever the weather begins to get unpleasant.

Read some today in Morley's Life of Cobden. Was interested in the items relative to Cobden's way of conducting the Free Trade Campaign. What was said about the agitator struck me as very pertinent to the preacher who is after all an agitator and has the same psychological background to work on.

A multitude of weathers +55

FEVRIER

28 VENDREDI. Ss Martyrs d'Alc. 59-306

Matt. 8-10 Psalms 38, 39.

Noon Location
44°23' N 31°15' W
12.2 knots per hour
Day's run 300 miles
Total run 1185 "
Time set back 27 minutes

Spoke to the men aft in p.m. urging them to go back to school when they got out of service so many as were able and the rest to take pains to educate themselves for today is the day when the educated man can make more out of himself than ever before.

Am to preach Sunday morning to the officers in the music room. Thought over my word this afternoon. Will use Hebrews 11 & 12 mostly I believe. I am anxious now to get back where I can set about to prepare sermons and get up to preach them. I feel I have attained some of the fire and drive that was lacking. This speaking to men continually is good training altogether. I think the psychological and the presence of wymen gives to the Gospel message

Stormy 1 47

Matt. 11-13 Psalms 82, 83

Noon Location
42.58 N 36.17 W
9.6 knots per hr
Day's run 234 miles
Total run 1419
Time set back 21 min.

The roughest day of the trip so far. Sent off a wireless message p.m. It is to go to Cape Race and thence to Boston and so on over land lines to Phila. It is a very remarkable thing that away out here in the midst of the boundless ocean I can still communicate with loved ones at home. It ought to enforce the thought in men's minds that if by mechanical devices we can transcend distances, it ought to be the more reasonable that spirits can impart their feelings and most of all that God can guide the motions of the mind of man.

This winter voyaging on a rough sea and in a crowded boat is not very delightful. But it will have an end before so very long. We are not making very unusual time. Headwinds have blown us back every day and night. Fully a day is being lost by the wind alone. Perhaps it will change and help us.

Clear +54

MARS

2 DIMANCHE. Quinquagésime 61-304

Matt 14-1. Samuel Psalms 146, 147

Noon Location
41:35 N 42:19 W
14.5 knots per hour
Day's run 281 miles
Total run 1700 "
Time set-back 26 minutes

Preached in music room to officers at a service on Heb. 12:1-2. Good number and good service. Helped Chaplain Welsh in singing [illegible] visited me [illegible] on deck. In evening [illegible] entertainment for the officers in the dining room which was very fine.

Now it begins to seem as if we are sailing along on the way home. [illegible] Sunday [illegible] to be having to be in delight. I can hardly realize that I may so soon be back again in the midst of old scenes and doing old familiar things again. I must not lose the power of the inspiration of all the varied experiences that I have had.

I pray for guidance and determination to make the future count in the very most that is possible.

Clear +60

Matt 17-28

Psalms 148, 149

Noon Location
39:22 N 48:36 W
13.2 knots per hr.
Day's run 323 miles
Total run 2023 miles
Time set back 23 min.

The most beautiful day of the voyage. The sea was as still as on a midsummer's day. There was no wind to speak of. We all hope that good time was made. Read some in Morley's Life of Cobden. In the evening there was a moving picture shown. Chas. Bailey and I walked the deck for a good hour after supper.

My two roommates are Captains Thorn and [illegible] of the 87 & 91st division resp. I find myself somewhat distracted every now and again by the thought that this steady shake of this old boat is drawing me nearer and nearer to HOME. It does not seem altogether real. I should hardly be surprised to land in some French port, but I trust we are going whither we are headed.

Stormy +50

MARS

4 MARDI. S. Casimir 63-302

Mark 1-10 Psalms 91, 92

Noon Location.
39:24 N 54:57 W
12.2 knots per hr
Day's run 295 miles
Total run 2318 miles
Time set back 25 min

A dark and lowering day. Read the book of Mark through, some in Cobden's Life and wrote a part of an article to refute some of the nonsense that these tourist preachers in France have written. They write from a few moments' view and only write to enforce some old notion of theirs that they feel needs bolstering up a bit. Appealing to the P.E.F. they know will assure them a hearing with the people at home.

The days on shipboard do not slide along very rapidly. But there will only be a couple more of them. My mind and heart keep running on ahead to my sweet my sweetheart. She has [illegible] in a long, hard [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], the [illegible] [illegible] has suffered. It will be all made up to her.

Clear +62

Luke 1-24 Psalms 122, 123.

Noon Location
39:35 N 61:13 W
12 knots per hour
Day's run 292 miles
Total run 2610 miles
Yet to go 590 miles
Time set back 24 min.

Another gorgeous day. All hands seemed to feel much better today. We had a good run considering the storm we had yesterday. One of the treats of this trip is to lie here in my bunk and listen to Capt. Lenneis tell about his experiences in this war. He has been in the army eleven years. He is a native of Kentucky, knows all the fine points about old corn whiskey and is one of the most ingenuous individuals I have ever met. Life is all a kind of delightful adventure to him. He makes me wonder what there is that would help him most to come into a closer walk with God. The world is full of just this sort of people and it is my job to help them on the way. They may not even realize their lack of God.

Cloudy +44

MARS

6 JEUDI. Ste Colette 65-300

John 1-6 Psalms 75, 76.

Noon Location
39:57N 67:23W
11.7 knots per hour
Day's run 286 miles
Total run 2896 miles
Yet to go 304 miles
Time set-back 24 minutes

Read "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" by Vicente Blasco Ibanez. It is a graphic description of the events at the beginning of the war. The first battle of the Marne and the origin of trench warfare is very well portrayed. The story is a mere thread.

The day has not gone very rapidly. A stiff wind and a blanket of fog helped slow us up this morning so we made only a fair showing for the day we had yesterday. Perhaps tomorrow will prove a good day for weather and X & I we will be up once again but this time against the [illegible] shore of the United States. I hardly realize that the nightmare is over and real life will once more begin again after all this interval.

Cloudy + 55

Went up on deck right after breakfast and sighted land at about nine o'clock. All the moments thereafter were spent in eagerly looking for new things on the shore or in the water. We came along through the Lower Bay and along the buoyed channel to the upper bay past the forts and past the Statue of Liberty. We docked at one o'clock and as soon as we came out of the dock I saw Aunt MacGregor and the folks waiting behind the gate. We had a cursory examination for bugs and creeping things and then were able to find get out to see the impatient dear ones. It was a very happy sight for there were many little parties like our own.

Caught 5 pm train for Philadelphia and spent a thankful and happy evening and went to bed at peace and full of a very great and deep thanksgiving to God.

Clear +67

Spent the whole day in the house unpacking and visiting. It was one long happy hour with no thought of time or obligations. I wired for permission to report on Monday at Camp Dix where I am to go to be demobilized. This request was granted which added to the joy of the day.

In the evening Louise MacGregor and I walked over to see Grandfather who is sick in the hospital.

There seems to be a few jobs on the horizon into which I may have a chance to insinuate myself. One possibility is the charge of English Bible at Lafayette. This seems like a large thing to be put in my way at this stage of the game but I do believe that I could make a success of this very piece of work. I wonder if God has this bit of work for me. I will wait, work and pray.

These days I must say will prove the most happy of all that have been yet.

Clear +67

Habbakuk.
Communion Service and I assisted. Everyone was very cordial and apparently glad to see me safely back again. Walked over in the afternoon to see Grandfather at the hospital.
The time flies along now with great speed. Now is the time to get a place and a work to do and then D.V. and with His blessing Anne MacGregor and I can hope to go out into the work.
It hardly seems real now that I have been away for any considerable time. This past year has gone most quickly of all that I ever lived. I fear it was not so with poor Anne MacGregor. But now I hope D.V. to be able to let her life from now on be repaid a hundred fold for all the very lonely hours she so bravely bore for the cause. She suffered by far the most and I shall never forget it all. She is the sweetest and best of all on earth.

Clear +66

Went down to Camp Dix and reported for a full discharge. Arrived there at eleven thirty a.m. and after lunch had a physical examination which did not keep me long. After this I filled out many papers and signed all sorts of nasty statements. Fortunately my job in the Army did not involve very much pecuniary responsibility. After four p.m. since my discharge order had not come back from the Camp Headquarters I took the [illegible] and came back to Philadelphia. Spent the evening reading my 1918 diary to the Fochs and to Tommy Spaeth. Went over after to the hospital and talked with Grandfather. He is doing pretty well but I do not believe that he will ever get well and back to health. [illegible] he may because he uses a great quantity of whisky

Pt Clear + 54

MARS

11 MARDI. Ste Sophrone 70-295

Went again to Camp Dix
and discovered that as
yet my order had not
been issued upon the
strength of the [illegible] I
had secured that the
Adjutant General had
issued an order for my
discharge [illegible] to him
I presented my case
in such a letter at
length [illegible] after a
little [illegible] was
after [illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] with the
discharge [illegible]
and all the back pay
due me also the bonus
of $60.00 which was
given to each discharged
officer and man by
the Act of Congress
of Feb 24 1919
At last I am separated
from the Army fully
and am a civilian
[illegible] out of a job
all this has a great
deal of [illegible] in it. Now
I must [illegible] getting
a real job that will be
of [illegible] because
[illegible] expenses
[illegible] I must

Clear +58

MARS

12 MERCREDI. Quatre-Temps 71-294

Unpacked my trunk and wrote a couple of letters - went to prayer meeting in even. Mr. Adolph hit the nail on the head when he asked my mind blank and first off if I had led any men to Christ, I have no certain knowledge that I have and that is the pity. There are some that I have hopes of, but no one that I can recall of whom I am certain. I have prayed that there might have been some and I trust that there were.

Now is the time to begin to put all I have into motion, no time ought to be lost. I hope that even lying here we can be able to lay out the time in a way that will be profitable and make for the doing of the work that lies ahead to be done for there is an enormous lot of work and life is all too short. I pray that I may be able to do something in the days that are ahead of us. At least may be so.

Clear +63

A beautiful day. In the afternoon Agnes MacGregor and I went to see Grandfather who was not feeling so well. Then we went for a walk through the park. There were all manner of signs of spring. The forsythia was in bloom on one bush. We stopped at Sweet Briar mansion for tea but found that they had not begun to serve tea yet, it being too early in the spring. The walk was delightful from start to finish. It seems so like heaven itself to be again with Agnes MacGregor and to look forward to the beginning of our life together without the cloud of war hanging low on the horizon with its threat of sorrow and disaster. That, thank God, is all over now. We trust it may be a long time before the evil in the world gets such an upper hold on mankind that it can ravage the world again. Peace is a great gift to the world.

Snowy + 8 40

MARS

14 VENDREDI. Ste Mathilde 73-292

A day in complete contrast to the preceding in weather, but in weather only. The rest was full of peace and overflowing with the joy of all that God has given us in this week, the first after coming home.

In the evening I made a talk about my experiences at the banquet given by the deacons of the church.

Have been asked to go to Lafayette College to preach on next Sunday one week. This is to look over my availability for the chair of English Bible in the college there. In many ways I should greatly like to get into that kind of work. It involves some preaching, the conduct of daily chapel and a constant intercourse with the men in college. I believe that this kind of work offers me my best opportunity after the years abroad in the foreign field. Time will decide as God leads us on along the path of His choosing. His leadership is all that counts anyway.

Rainy +58

MARS

15 SAMEDI. S. Zacharie 74-291

Worked on my sermon and had both Emma MacGregor and Father go over it. I believe it is the best one done yet. I am hoping to try out a new way tomorrow. I will have the MS with me. I want to give it to the people in just the language that I have it written in on paper. These words are the best I can select to put my thoughts in and if I depart from the text the sermon is bound to lose its power. There is the technical disadvantage of seeming to read the sermon, but I have decided that with my mind at ease as to the -mality and free to think about the way of saying it, I can so skillfully read ahead and speak from memory such parts as I can & thus create a good impression without losing the mality.

went over to see Elizabeth Husfurch's fiance in the evening. A very fair specimen!

Rainy +59

Preached at Northminster church in a.m.. The sermon went off very well. Spoke again in the afternoon to the Sunday School. This was only a very brief talk of some five minutes.

Now the time has come to draw the lines of future conduct as to the disposal of the precious moments of time that are constantly slipping past. For a few weeks now we shall probably stay here & [illegible] until the die is cast for either some church or for the professorship at Lafayette. I do not know yet which field will offer the larger opportunity. I rather favor the place at Easton. It seems to be best fitted to whatever qualities I have and I would not be at all surprised to find that it was the place that God has selected for me to cast in my service for His Kingdom. No greater joy could befall me than to work with these college boys. There is a great [illegible] stored energy in them, for good, that can be [illegible] and directed into God's work in the world.

Clear +67

MARS

17 LUNDI. S. Patrice 76-289

Went down town on some errands. Talked to Dr. Kennedy in his office at the Presbyterian. Took my poor old battered Corona typewriter to be mended.
Walked with Anne MacGregor and called to see grandfather.
Attended complementary dinner given to Col. Robert McC. Kelton, General Staff A.E.F. Saw McIlvaine 1918 and met F.A. Corns of East Orange boy who knew Jack Sarum.
Wrote two letters one to Dr. Palmer and one to Stuart Duncan in Louisville ky about some churches. I hope that before very long there will be some definite proposition put before me so I can have something before me. I do not like to be without a job. The Lafayette business will have to materialize soon or it will be off. So while I am for a church I believe there will be the right thing before very long.

Clear +60

MARS

18 MARDI. S. Alexandre 77-288

Worked on sermon in morning. Made thirteen calls together in afternoon. After this went down town and to the dentist. In evening Annie MacGregor was invited by a lady to go to the opera. I took her and took a seat myself. Geraldine Farrah sang La Flamme Frammelle - The scenery was gorgeous and the lady's singing very fine. We decided we had a very fine evening. But it was a very sleepy pair that landed home at about midnight.

This time there is a sort of interregnum. I hope it will not last very long. I am very anxious to get something to do and to get at it. Annie MacGregor agrees with me in all this. We have laid a few lines out and are hoping that some good thing will forthwith appear on the horizon. Then it will be for us to seize it and make it go. So we are dreaming the long dreams of life.

Rainy + 47

Worked all the morning on my sermon and for most of the afternoon. Took a walk to hospital for Anna MacGregor and went with her to a couple of old furniture stores where there was displayed all sorts and conditions of old odd furniture. Some of it was very beautiful and made us wish we had a house where we could take some of it right away.

The evening was very quiet. I did a little more work on the sermon while Anna MacGregor had some boys in to see about getting a quartette started for the Christian Endeavor. Nothing came along today except the bill for our bond which we were glad to buy for it will begin to pay us back money now. A lot of bonds would be a very nice thing to have. I think it must be a very comfortable feeling to have enough means to buy just every little article. Those Anna MacGregor and I can buy a few off and may buy that.

Clear 159

Went up to Princeton with Ryne MacGregor on the 9.04 train. There was a new station there which made the place seem a little unlike Princeton but that feeling soon passed when we went to #31 Edwards Place and found everything very much as it used to be. We called on Dr. Wazfield who forthwith installed us in the guest room and gave us a most delicious lunch. Went to see President Hibben who was most cordial. He volunteered to write Dr. Mac Cracken for me. All this seemed to be a good omen for me. [illegible] was of the opinion that my Lafayette place was the best for me. Made some purchases at the Univ. Store and saw Alec Robinson who is nicely installed in 23 Blair. The day ended with a family dinner in Philadelphia. The day was very well worth while. We enjoyed every moment of it from sleep to finish.

Clear +68

Worked on sermon most of the day but with very little satisfaction. The sermon does not seem to have very much locomotion in it. There are paragraphs and sentences that are very good, but the thing as a whole lacks movement. It may be classed as a stationary type of engine. I hope it either improves and changes its character or else that the stationary type of sermon has some use not seen by me just at this writing.

Will be most glad when we can get settled down in our own house where I can get to work. Of course these first days after returning to America are of necessity confused and full of not much of anything that is continuous.

The future although unknown does not worry me. I believe that someway some how Christ has a use for me. I can't at times realize how He can use me in very great use but there must be some place in the world that I am calculated to fill. I pray to reach it soon.

Clear +67

Spent all morning copying the sermon onto the 8 1/2 x 11 paper that fits into the loose leaf book that I take with me to the pulpit. By having the sermon in this loose form I can handle it more easily and the size of the paper conforms to the general dimensions of the standard filing cases. As I use to keep all my different types conforming to the standard which gives me an easy way to shift and check and keep the facts before me.

We went to Easton on the three twenty five afternoon train and were met by a car at the station. The MacCrackens were most cordial. Prof. and Mrs. Runkle came in to call in the evening and we had a very delightful time.

The guest rooms was a most comfortable place and we went to rest with a very pleasant anticipation of the day that lay before us.

Clear +65

Arose and looked over my sermon. Breakfast was served at nine and after forty five we drove over to the college chapel. There was a very fair representation out and the service went smoothly enough. My sermon went as well as was to be expected under the circumstances.

After dinner we took a very delightful ride up the Delaware River and then across country to the edge of Nazareth. After a lunch at six we took the seven p.m. train and reached Philadelphia at nine thirty.

The prospect of going to Lafayette College looks very attractive from this point. I have no idea whether this is God's place for me now or not. In many ways looking at the question from the human point of view it seems the first thing. But this is not always the [illegible] way of seeing the thing.

Clear [illegible] 3

MARS

24 LUNDI. S. Gabriel 83-282

Went down town with Anne
MacGregor, we went to a
customs broker and got a
package of books that
had been sent from Paris.
Thence we went to the old
Senate Chamber at Independence
Hall and looked at a very
beautiful and instructive
collection of paintings of the
scenes of the French and Indian
war in connection with
the early days of the nation.
After this we went to get
some pictures I had enlarged.
Thence home by way of a
music shop. One old antique
shop I bought a pair
of candlesticks. There was
one tiny old table there that
appealed to me very much.
I told the man to hold
it for me a day or two till the
question over.
Called by Father for a
while in the afternoon and
brought in old music
with Anne MacGregor on
our way [illegible] a long [illegible]
on [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the
[illegible]. [illegible]
[illegible] that
[illegible] has become [illegible].

Clear + 60

MARS

25 MARDI. Annonciation 84-281

Met one Mr. Lehman who belongs to the Cynwyd Pres. church where I am to preach on Sunday next. Di went with Aunt Maggie Lyon to buy a table which was very beautiful and cost $60.00 which was quite a sum but perhaps it was not more than was to have been expected.

In the evening we went to the Opera to hear La Forza del Destino by Verdi. Caruso, Scotti and some other good singers were in the bill. It was worth what it cost and more because we were invited by a friend to go. It lasted late and the day and night had passed before we reached home, at least so much of the night as belonged to this day.

These days are not very full of pressing business though the day is finally cast and I am at it. I shall feel very grateful to my Lord if He has led me all the way so far here.

Clear +69

Worked all the forenoon
on my sermon. It seemed
to go very well. Continued
with the good work in the
afternoon and went out
for a walk with Anne [illegible].
We looked for a pussy willow
which we failed to find. Later
we returned & fixed up an
electric lamp out of a vase
which she had purchased for
the purpose.
Rummaged down among
my papers and found the
thesis I wrote just a year
ago for the B.D. at Princeton.
Upon reading a bit of it,
I was pleased with it and
think I will work it
up a bit and send it over
to Princeton to be printed in
the Review.
I must keep on the jump
these days. There is a great
deal that can be done and
my observation has shown
me that it takes persistent
industry to get at all done.
There are a few other
ingredients but like a good
biscuit or [illegible]
it is mostly elbow grease.
Anne has been [illegible] to the
very sweet to the last [illegible]
[illegible] she will
read this [illegible].

Rainy +50

worked on sermon but felt
so poorly that I went to bed
immediately after dinner
and stayed there the rest
of the day. I have saved one
one third molar tooth
which had been elected
to come out at [illegible] on m.
Nothing much was done
all day as a result of the
indisposition.
The weather became worse
and worse out of doors and
during the night snow fell.
The lamblike character of
the month seems to be
gradually changing to
a more ferocious quality
that lies below the surface.
The sermon is about finished.
This is not the best environ-
ment in the world to get
them up. I have been used
to almost all kinds of poor
environments and so that
ought not to matter so
particularly.
No new phase has
appeared regarding my
job. I hope something
begins to move before
very many days because
just doing nothing is
pretty poor business
and not at all of a
satisfying character.

Cloudy + 33

MARS

28 VENDREDI. S. Gontran 87-278

Stayed in the house all day in an indefinite condition between feeling ill and feeling well. Worked some on my sermon. Read a bit of John Morley's memoirs and cut the pages in the big two volume work I bought in Paris on Huguenot Hymnology and Psalmody. It deals mostly with Jean Marot. The work is supposed to be one of the finest in existence on the subject and is altogether an authoritative. If I ever get time I should like to work a couple of essays out of parts of the book. Most of the contents will be new to American readers. It would seem that a broad treatment of some theme like the old tunes. There might be enough attractive tunes and words to make an attractive small collection of Huguenot psalms. Our hymnology could be much improved by some good strong old French tunes. Still as it any they I have not as yet studied into the matter. The field looks worth a try some day when nothing better is forthcoming

Clear +39

MARS

29 SAMEDI. S. Eustase 88-277

Stayed in doors all day. Wrote over one paragraph of my sermon and read it over two or three times. Read aloud a part of one chapter of John Morley's memoirs. Read one of Pascal's Provincial Letters. Anne MacGregor played over for me some of the old Huguenot hymn and psalm tunes in a book I have on Clement Marot and the Huguenot Psalter.

Started to read Renan's book of essays on the Moral and Intellectual Reformation of France. It was hard in reading the preface to realize that the pages had not been penned in the fall of 1914. Evidently they were written in the fall of 1870 or perhaps in 1871 which seems more likely. I shall be interested to hear this man's idea of the events of that day. The school of the prophets of an ever improving social order steered by its own volition while right in fact are wrong in the cause, but are blind to see that the cause is being naturalists.

Clear + 44

MARS

30 DIMANCHE. Lætare 89-276

Went out to Cynwyd at nine thirty in the morning with Ann MacGregor. We missed the church and very nearly did not arrive for church. We impressed a man who was driving his Ford around for exercise and at last we were into sight of the meeting. There was a good congregation and they had started the meeting off, waiting for me. Came home for dinner and went back alone for the service in the evening.

There has been a good deal of talk about this church calling me and several of the members said a good bit about it but they have a strong minority of premillenarians out there and they have secured some one altogether to their tastes.

They also had a little special set of articles that the new minister was to be made to sign which thing I would by no means ever have done, not because of the contents of the statement but because it be spoke a narrow hypercritical spirit and implied a doubt on a man's ordination statement

Clear + 47

Went down street with Anne Gregor who had a few little errands of shopping to do. It was very pleasant going about with her.

Finished reading an article that Renan wrote back in 1871 just after the defeat of France. It was very interesting because he advocates for the salvation of France the adoption of the Prussian system which he evidently was greatly enamoured of for the simple reason that it had been so successful in building up victory after the utter defeat after the Treaty of Tilsit. These thirty years that Renan did not see he [illegible] so very far to [illegible] his thesis. France did hardly any of the things that he advocated and now she has won the day. It must be said, however, that she did not win alone nor indeed ever could have won alone. This article deserves some more careful study. It would make a subject for another article now.

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AGENDA

POUR

1919

Clear +50

AVRIL

1 MARDI. S. Hugues 91-274

Read Renan on Constitutional Monarchy in France. It is a bit hard to understand him in the light of today. He was all opposed to the democratic tendencies of his day and he was also against the ultra-centralized forms both of church and state. His ideal seems to have been a liberal monarchy with a platonic king and a lot of highly cultured nobles for courtiers. The common herd were to be tended with all the kindness that good stock on a farm deserve.

At noon met Dr. Patterson of Orange, Im. heard his pres. of troubles and German, the Presbyterian minister-in-charge of the chapel over which he wants me to go. I have agreed to look over the place at least which is to come off towards the end of the month.

Made some calls for Father in the p.m. Hope that way opens to go to Easton. The more I think of it the better that place looks to me. If it is in the Lord's plan when I shall get there all right and no otherwise do I want it.

Clear + 47

Patiently read most of morning a part of my thesis handed in just one year ago to Dr. Eggleston. I intend to send the latter portion of its mss. to the Princeton Theological Review for publication. Also tried to sift out some of Renan's ideas that he wrote after the collapse of France in 1870. Was not able to get any precise notion of just what was the trouble with things in general. There sounded like an undercurrent of praise for the Germans because they had been successful in the war. He seemed to think that France was too inept and too flaccid from its zeal for slavish ideas and anxious prosperity to be able to put up a very creditable fight. I guess there is not enough in these old pages that would serve me now for an article. I found I had Jules Lemaitre's little essay on Renan which may throw some more light on these essays of Renan's himself.

Called all of afternoon on people out in Springfield. Wish they would start up a church out there.

Clear +56

AVRIL

Devoted the day to rewriting a portion of the thesis. for an article for the Princeton Theological Review. It took a good deal of cutting and polishing. I discovered that I could not merely sever a portion from the rest and make that into an essay. Unless the proverbial angle worm it would not go on living when bisected several times. But there was the consolation in the necessity of going all through it that after all there must be some consecutive thought in it all if it was so tied together as all that. Our mahogany table has come from the furniture store and is indeed a beauty. I hope and pray that we can get a cute little house before very long and go regularly into it as we have so longed and prayed to do. So be it L. V.

Spoke in even. at Mantua Baptist Church. about France. There was a big crowd and I enjoyed the experience.

Cloudy + 59

Left Phila. in automobile
at 8 30 with Mr and Mrs
Alexander, Amelia and
"dear little Eurella" to go
to Atlantic City for the day.
The car was closed and
this made the trip very
delightful. We arrived
at noon, took Eurella
down to the beach to
ride on a pony and
had a bountiful repast
at 1:30 at the Chalfont
Hotel. Thereafter we
rode to and fro once or
more in the wheel
chairs and then came
back to Phila. which
[illegible] at 11 p.m. [illegible] riding
with his mother.
The day was a very
great experience and
very delightful thanks
to all, [illegible] [illegible]
to my [illegible] [illegible]
my friend Oswald
Allis. These days are
very pleasant but I
am in great hopes
that before long we
can find a place
to go to work in. I
rather hope first [illegible]
taking us to [illegible]
for I feel that would
be the best place for us.

Rainy +58

Left Phila. at nine o'clock and went through New York in about 30 minutes. The train reached Utica at four o'clock and I went by trolley out to Clinton. Read most of the way Gabriel Monod's three essays on Renan, Taine and Michelet. It made a very profitable day on the whole. I had never understood the differences in these men and these three essays written by one who personally knew each one was a fair and measurably true picture of the facts. Renan was the great critic of history, Taine the philosopher, while Michelet was the creative historian who saw the drama as it were being reenacted before his eyes.

Went to sleep on the street where I was born some twenty six years ago. The town was strikingly stiff after the dull noises of the city though a city appears to be beyond this. Clinton seems not very far from the cities.

Clear +69

AVRIL

6 DIMANCHE. Passion 96-269

After a good breakfast at the College preached in the Stone Chapel at ten 30 a.m. There was a goodly crowd gathered and everything went off very evenly. A great crowd came up to be remembered to Father and Mother. They were very anxious to have me say I would be willing to consider a call should they offer me one. There are some things that might be said in favor of this place. It is quiet and in the country and might offer me just the opportunity I need to study and grow apace in wisdom and in learning. There is not the rush nor the near crowd [illegible] trifling things [illegible] [illegible]. The only danger is of falling into a rut.

Left at 2 p.m. and reached Phila after eight hours [illegible] along a track riding [illegible]. So goes the day and this day [illegible] worth [illegible] I find time at the end of the day.

Clear + 73

AVRIL

7 LUNDI. S. Hégésippe 97-268

Anna MacGregor called me over to a neighbor's house where they were selling things and I bought some of Prescott's books of history at a very good bargain. Went down street at noon and had lunch with Ben Fox at Wanamakers. Thereafter we went to the meeting of Presbytery at the Chambers-Wylie Church. The session was not very eventful but was interesting in its way. Came out about five o'clock and called to see how grandfather was getting along.

Have been thinking over the proposition that seems to be about to come to me from up at Clinton. There are a good many features there that appeal to me very much. I believe it would offer me the opportunity to build up a strong rural church while at the same time have the chance to study and gradually gain a wider influence over the minds of men. I believe that the printed word will come to play a larger and larger part in the work of the kingdom of God.

Clear +74

AVRIL

8 MARDI. S. Gautier 98-267

Went with Anne MacGregor over to see Dr. Duncan. He wanted her to a blood test to see if she had iron enough in her system and he wanted to give one an inoculation of some anti cold-in-the-head remedy. All of this took the better part of the morning. We called at the Mercantile Library and I looked over the titles of some of the periodicals. A very few of them I believe I will wish to subscribe for.

Went to Presbytery meeting in the afternoon and voted for the commissioners to go to the General Assembly.

Letter came asking me if I would consider a call to Clinton. I believe the salary they offer is too small for us. But it is a definite proposition and that is something and just now it is the only definite thing that is before me. I shall be glad when at last I am settled in some place for some little time. But we do not know when or how long God can use us.

Clear + 71

Wrote out my essay and finished it in the afternoon. Will now send it up to Princeton for the review. Walked out with Anne MacGregor. Spoke at Father's prayer meeting in the evening. Wrote President Hibben to see if I could get through him to some definite idea of how my case stands at Lafayette. That seems from this point to be the ideal place for us to go. It offers each thing that I want and seems to be in line with both my training and the future that DV I have hoped to have.

I often wonder where I could find a place and what value would be set upon me if I were to go to some commercial place and seek a job. I think it would be a most interesting experience. It might be good discipline and it might tempt me very strongly to leave the work I have set my hand to. We are hoping that the right thing will appear in due time. We are a bit anxious to see it on the horizon

Cloudy +67

I went over the essay and sent it off to Princeton to be printed. I have no idea when it will actually get into type but presume it will be a long time. The wheels of that august place turn very slowly. They go very surely to the groove but without making very much progress.

Went down town in the afternoon and looked up a man whose name Cousin Charles gave me. He did not materialize into anything definite for the camp. Stopped in at the Mercantile Library and read Euripides Helen of Troy. It was not a tragedy at all, rather, surprised me. It was a very good comedy in fact and I doubt not could be worked up into quite an interesting piece for the modern stage. These old Greeks knew a good deal about life.

Cloudy +74

Read in the morning. Began to work on a sermon for Easter. The text seems to be "This Jesus God raised up" Acts 2:32. After all that was the great point. All we may say of Christ fails to carry the normal soul over to a decision until we have said this last word. It was the Divine guarantee that all the rest was true. It proved His power, it proved His sacrifice for it completed it. He died for us, but if He had never been seen what could that death have meant to us more than the death of any other who may have had human interests at heart. He not died for us to doom certain things to death. He did not choose death as an avenue for His sacrifice because it was glorious, or because it was the heroic of human experience but because death was the prison house in which men were chained. He died by making dying forever different. Because He lives we shall live also. He is the earnest of our expectation. As for the sin that stands between us and communion with God, He took that unto Himself that we might not have it to carry.

Dear +68

Left Phila 9.04 reached NY 11 went up along 5th Avenue looking at the people on the street and in the shop windows both of which were very interesting. Had lunch at the little Scotch Dining Room where we had it last June when I came down to NYC to go to Europe.
Went to Penn Hotel after this and met Olive Putnam at 2 pm. We all went to see Dear Brutus by J M Barrie play that was indeed very good. It was built around the idea [illegible] [illegible] cause to the effect that it is not the [illegible] or [illegible] that makes us what we are but our own selves. It is all worked out in a rather fantastic form and made into very helpful and humorous play.
Went to 1915 [illegible] of Yale Club after meeting Anne MacGregory [illegible] train for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] myself at 11.30 p.m.

Clear & 69

5 A

went to church at the
First Pres and heard
a very good sermon on
the entry of Christ into
Jerusalem and the
attributes of those who
received Him there.
Spoke before the boys
in the afternoon on the
School Labor of the day
but was able to add
a petition [illegible] to
the [illegible] which was
appropriate to
the day. The evening was
spent very delightfully
talking with our cousins.
They were planning where
would be the most
advantageous place to
place the tent. It would be
very delightful to spend the
summer up there in the
woods. It would be especially
fine for Anne MacGregor to
be up in the fresh air for a
whole summer after the
hard summer she went
through with, last year
with me away. I hope that
before very long there will
be some definite word for
us for the future. I should
prefer Lafayette among
the few choices I have.

Clear +64

Left Peekskill and came to New York where we had lunch with Chaplain A. Leos, a Reformed pastor. He did not have very much that was definite to say. He is here under the care of Dr. Vree Lupland and so he naturally cannot be very definite.

The local committee on supply of Northminster church asked me to take charge here for the summer. I hardly think that this would be a very good place for Anne MacGregor and there are several reasons why on its own ground I would prefer not to be here. There seems to be considerable uncertainty about everything just now. I hope only to keep on trusting. I think that in some ways I have too much help from Father. There has not been one single response to any request that he has made for me. Success life. I hope before long to have something definite to do for the Lord.

Cloudy +49

AVRIL

15 MARDI. S. Paterne 105-260

Made a long voyage over to Dr. Duncan's to have the second injection of my anti-cold serum. It made my arm quite sore but if it do the business and if so it will be a great boon. Called in the afternoon for Father. Went to all sorts of people and finally ended with a middle aged man who works at night. He had a mind full of all the old objections to the Calvinistic way of looking at things. He said one good thing — that if God foreknows a thing that thing must necessarily be so, which is exactly true and the thing that Methodists do not want to say. They want God to foreknow something that is not so. They want to eat their cake and have it too.

Read a couple of chapters in Morley's Recollections. We are going through them slowly. Read some pages in Renan's Life of Jesus. G. Monod said the book made the most enormous [illegible] daily [illegible] and [illegible] works of its generation. After all that has been written since of its general [illegible] has been a [illegible] and principally [illegible] upon it.

Played [illegible] in evening.

Rainy +40

Spent the forenoon in a rather fruitless endeavor to write a sermon. Arose at six this morning and put in a profitable hour and a half reading the Bible. Paul Elmer More used to say he spent 2 hours each morning reading Plato. If he could do that for Plato I surely ought to be able to approach something like it with the Bible, and what little I have been able to do convinces me that therein lies the secret of gaining a power over life. It does seem to feed the inner consciousness in a very unique way.

Called on Jim. Talked to a Christian Scientist who was of a second generation. Her mother had been cured of some grievous disease. I was struck by what she said but it was just about what the Christians ought to be able to say. I was healed, therefore I know. After all it is the first hand experience that counts.

As yet no definite word as to the future.

Cloudy + 50

Wrote out a sermon on last copy in the morning. Arose at six o'clock and read the Gospel of Mark. This work in the early morning is most remunerative. I hope to be able to increase the technicality of it by doing the reading in Greek with dictionaries and commentaries beside me.

Had lunch with Jack Carruthers. As usual he had a bit of news. He told that Mr. Manson had sent his name to Mac Cracken for the position that has fallen to all the other men. Somehow I do not trust Jack very much and yet it is hard to find out just for what the reason is. I wrote a couple of letters as a result of his coming to the city.

Had dinner with Zelpha Emmons and her mother in their very fine home out in Germantown.

There seems to be no preaching post for me for this Sunday & coming. I hope and pray that things will be settled up for me before long.

Clear +51

Finished my sermon first and wrote a few letters. Read a portion in the life of Libanius and then in Michaud's History of the Crusades. Before breakfast I read half of Luke's Gospel. In the afternoon I arranged for my more methodical Bible study. I hunted out my dictionary, concordance and grammar out of the box where they were packed away. Received letter from Paul Martin asking if I were still interested in the Lafayette position. I telephoned to him that I most decidedly was. I have not been able yet to figure out what part in this little drama my friend Carruthers is playing. He suddenly appeared on the scene and stirred me out of a sound sleep. I am much indebted to him for I should have been deeply chagrined to have found after it was over that I had slept away a perfectly good opportunity. It is hard to know just how much of the work God wishes to do. I guess we are supposed to follow hard after His leadings. I hope and pray that I may get this-

Clear +57

Arose at 5.30 in the morning. Read Luke 15-21 and had a time of prayer. Studied Colossians for the rest of the time until eight. Went immediately thereafter to Dr. Duncan who gave me the last of the three inoculations of anti pneumonia serum. He handed on to me a very interesting statement he had from the lips of General Ireland last night. There have been 97,000 deaths in the army from Apr 1917 to now. + 7000 died from wounds, 49000 from diseases and of these 40000 died of pneumonia. That makes pneumonia a bad disease for the army. They have a serum now, however, to prevent it. That is what I have taken. Typhoid fever has been exterminated from the army.

Took a walk in the Park with the Folks and Jenny Inge Guyot in the afternoon. The day is very delightful and Spring is coming out into full blossom. My rest at Easter has not leaped into my lap to-day but I wrote two more letters and received one from Dr. MacCracken. Lindsey seems to be well ahead but;

Clear +60

Easter Day. Arose at six and read Luke 22-24. Read in John and read also the commentary of Ryle. This he says in his preface was intended for private use. I am in doubt as to just the manner of conducting my devotional reading. Merely to read the Bible seems to be not so valuable as to read some commentary along with it, and yet if I read with a commentator it becomes about the same as study and I ought better to read the Bible in the original Greek. The exact length of time to spend is another point that is not yet determined. These are hard days. This state of unsettled suspense is very trying. I hope and pray that it may not be too long. After all this year of turmoil I do hope we can settle down to some definite piece of work that will truly seem to be God-given and the ideal thing for our talents. We must trust in Him who can do so much for us that we cannot guess

Clear +66

Went down town in morning and negotiated the exchange of a typewriter. I have for one that will carry a Greek font. With this I hope to be able to keep up a careful record of my exegetical studies. The Fifth Liberty or Victory Loan is in full swing now.

Diagramed a long sentence of Colossians in the afternoon. There were over one hundred words in it. All this will be very useful to me if I can keep it up steadily. These days are not very satisfying from the point of view of my work. I do hope and pray that before very long I will be given to hear something favorably from Lafayette. I pray that this may be thing that may be in store for us. It seems to be exactly fitted to my capabilities. There are certain difficulties in the way but I think that by God's help I could overcome them. May it be that He who knows all the course of our lives will see fit to may land in this place. I pray for it earnestly for His kingdom

Clear +68

Arose 6 15 Read Ryle and John II - Studied Colossians Read Michaud History of Crusades till noon- Went over period around 1096 A.D. Peter Hermit, Gauthier, Gotschalk, Godfrey of Bouillon, Robert of Frisia, Raymond of Toulouse, Philipp king of France - Stephen of Blois and Chartres, Urban pope preached this first well organized Crusade at Council of Placentia and at Clermont in the Auvergne

Worked on Colossians in my diagramming a sentence of over one hundred words. I finally got it out by typing it off on the new French writing machine and cutting the long lines of words into little strips. In this way I could parse the sentence with very good results. Now I need some scheme by which I can indicate the grammatical relationships. This will render plain the sentences.

Clear +70

Arose 6[15] Read Ryle and John 3 Studied Colossians and went on with diagraming the sentences. This work I think is proving to be one of the finest ways of learning just what is the meaning of the sentences. Worked at this all afternoon. Used the morning to read in Michaud I to the founding of Baldwin's kingdom in Armenia.

The weather has become ideal in every respect. Nothing could be more so.

The German delegates have been sent for to come & sign the peace treaty at Paris. They seem disposed to do it with no serious questions to put. This is the better way for they have nothing else to do and Foch has his persuader ready and in excellent shape to use. I expect the armies over there are in pretty good shape by now and after a quiet winter could make considerable hopes in Germany were they turned loose for just a very little while.

Clear +68

Read John 4 with Ryle and worked a bit on the Greek text. Spent the morning reading Michaud's Crusades up to the siege of Jerusalem in 1099. Thus far mainly that was very entertaining. It is a very long work and it will take a great deal of patient reading to get to the end of it, but I hope that things will work together in such a way that I can get it completely read before so very long.

Called in at 4 the p.m. on Father. Was convinced that there is something the matter with the system of church membership that makes so much difficulty when it comes to getting a transfer from one church to another.

Played parcheesi in the evening and then went over to the Alexanders and showed them some of the pictures I took over in France. Spent about an hour there and returned to our own domicile. Hope much to have an abiding place ere long.

Clear +59

AVRIL

25 VENDREDI. S. Marc, év. 115-250

Read John & Ryle and did a very little on Rossmans before breakfast. Letter came from Harold Robinson urging [illegible] faculty on part of Duck Columbus. So I went up to Princeton to see if I could do anything worthwhile in that locality. There seem to be several on the carpet each with some good claim to notice. I believe my lack of great age is against me. I am up against men all with at least ten years more experience than I have had. This is a very important factor. I hope and pray very much that I can be given this place for it seems to be the ideal place for me to exercise the gifts I have. I can do certain things I believe, and I long to get into a place a little larger [illegible] me and try to make good. That is always the best always for me and the place where I can do the [illegible] remarkable but I hope equally to be given the chance to testify to my faith at Lafayette. [illegible]

Cloudy +44

Arose 5:30 am. Read and started a letter to Dr. MacCracken on my own account. He has been hearing a good bit from various sources and I decided that I ought to take the chance that I had to say a word in my own cause. After all why should not a man's own estimate, when given in soberness of mind realizing that he is as obligated to speak the truth, then as always, be as valuable as the word of either friend or acquaintance.

Spoke at the alumnae luncheon of the Garden-Kinney School at the Adelphia Hotel in the early afternoon. It was a rather uninteresting thing to do, but it added a little bit to my fund of experience. All these occasions add to the ease with which I can speak, and make me better able to think on my feet which, after all is the secret of much power in influencing others.

Clear + 68

AVRIL

27 DIMANCHE. Quasimodo 117-248

Preached in the morning at the Calvin Memorial Church owing to the sudden absence of the pastor, Mr. Hart, whose father died. The meeting was held in the Sunday School portion of the building, the auditorium not yet being constructed. There was a good audience and I enjoyed it very well. They separated off the children and marched them out before the sermon which I believe is not a good thing.

Preached at Bethany Presbyterian. Home for Aged Couples and Single Women. They changed with the 9th and prefaced which was right for the old folks but too much for me.

Spoke on my experiences in France in Don Francis' Church in the town, the Oxford Pres. Church. I think it has about an ideal auditorium. It pleased me immensely and I should delight to try to hold it with folks every Sunday. I down town church has a great many attractions for me. It would have to have a secluded study away off in one corner.

Cloudy +60

Wrote letters all the morning to numerous people who had me owing them for favors etc. Wrote
Pres. Hibben –
Major Davis
Colonel Greig
Mr. Anderson
Dr. Mc Dowell
Cousin Charles
War Risk Ins.
Did not get so very much done during the day. Went up to the hospital to see Grandpa with Father. Worked for awhile on my Greek sentences. I have found that a patient study of even a few sentences and the diagraming of them over and over again has gradually drilled them into my mind. The letter to the Colossians is not so long but that I can do this with each sentence until the whole book lies before me and seems to be a part of something that I myself had written. This is the secret of knowing the Bible, to have it at your command as a part of the common knowledge you have of life itself.

Clear +65

Read John with Ryle's comments. He has but little of value but the few grains are worth plowing over the bushel for. Spent morning after breakfast reading Mudland with a goodly sense of profit. He has put a great many words on paper but they are very well worth reading over. I trust things will so work out that I can finish this rather large task.

Spent afternoon working on some Greek sentences. I have now two chapters of Colossians entirely diagramed. It is slow work but I find that each one becomes successively easier to do and as I read the way the sentences falls apart now begins to appear to me even as I read the Greek. I hope to stay with the Greek long enough to make it become the natural way of getting the thoughts of the Gospel. When that time comes I will feel as if I had really done one thing at least. I doubt if it will ever be so with the Hebrew. That is so vastly harder to begin although I doubt if it is harder thereafter.

Clear +69

Arose somewhat early and read Bible and John. After breakfast finished the first volume of England's History. The Second Crusade was indeed a good deal of a failure. There was a German delegation which perhaps had something to do with it. Perhaps he is too hard on them. I shall have to read Sybel I suppose before I can hope to see the thing both ways.

Dr. Kennedy called us to say that Mr. Imanow had been in to see him and he had put in all the good words he could me. I hope and pray that we may answer at the biggest place at Easter but we want most to do the thing that seems best to God. This seems to us to be Easter but it may not assuredly be. God will lead us right.

Rainy +65

MAI

1 JEUDI. Ss Philippe et J. 121-244

Arose later than usual. Olin was here. We occupied the guest room while Zella and Anne MacGregor took our room. Olin left at eleven o'clock. We played very many games of parcheesi and stayed within doors all day owing to the bad weather outside.

Waited all day rather interested in the trustees meeting at Lafayette. Found that they came to no decision owing to the absence of Mr. Manson who felt an especial interest in the chair as it was his gift. The decision will not be now until June 11th which is some time yet to wait. I was glad to learn that I was well thought of. Dr MacCracken was very decidedly for me and there was a compact unit from this city in my favor. Campbell and Carruthers are the two others being considered now. Lindsey has fallen out so I am told. Everything is very favorable so far as it goes now. It is a little trying not to have a decision but we can be patient if it will ultimately come out right.

Clear + 70

MAI

2 VENDREDI. S. Athanase 122-243

A little earlier up this a.m. but not by much. With these evenings spent out it makes it rather difficult to rise betimes. Went down town for most of the morning doing errands. Found time to stop in the book room of the Witherspoon Building and found a commentary on the Gospels by Bruce and Marcus Dods. It was in the Expositors' Greek Testament. Will try to get at it next after doing Colossians. Read Bk 7 of Michaud in afternoon. He has started out on the Third Crusade with Philip Augustus, Richard, and Frederick Barbarossa, poor old fool, who was drowned in a shallow stream in Asia Minor. Saladin was evidently the most effective military and states leader that Islam ever had. He rose from obscurity much the way that Napoleon rose, but under far other circumstances. Walked with Anne MacGregor late in the afternoon. The day was most beautiful

Clear +74

MAI

3 SAMEDI. Inv. Ste Croix 123-242

Read Ryle and John - devoted morning to Michaud and the afternoon to finishing up the diagrams of the sentences in Colossians I & II. I was very well pleased with the result. I now have these chapters before me in a very unique way. At a glance the scheme of the author's thought come to your mind and as I study over them they are becoming clearer. They will soon be photographed on my mind and thus will always be ready at hand. With this scheme one can see how the phraseology runs as it does. Paul's disposition in the arrangement of expressions, his repeated use of words is all brought to the surface by this simple old method that I was once taught years ago in my English grammar classes. I remember how I toiled over it then and how little success I had with it, now I am going back to it of my own accord and may be able to make something useful out of it in the study of the Bible.

Clear +73

Anne MacGregor and I went down to Arch Street Pres. Ch and heard Dr. McCartney preach. It was a very fine sermon. I liked the style of it and the matter of it too.

In the afternoon I went out alone to Dr. Laird's Church in Frankford. We had a good conversation before supper and I made a talk on the war at the evening service. I had a chance to tell Dr. Laird about some of my ideas for a curriculum for Princeton Seminary. The thing they ought to do is to divide it into two courses and make each course more thorough. As it is the superficial subjects are given a great advantage because they are not made deep enough. If those who taught them had to lecture on them for as many hours a week as the old line professors have to lecture I believe they would either decide that there was not enough in their courses to give at all or would make so much of them that they really would be worth while.

Clear +80

MAI

5 LUNDI. S. Théodard 125-240

Went up to Princeton and spent a very pleasant day in the beautiful sunshine and shadow of the Seminary campus. Rob Mitchell was there for a few days and we spent quite a bit of time in company. In the late afternoon a few thunder storms came up which cleared the air and made it cooler. Father was there for the Directors Meeting. I had a little chance to work for Lafayette. Everything seemed to be rosy and I trust and pray that it may come out now that it has gone so far. ... family.

There was a very pretty reception at Springdale and every one whom I knew was there. The great lack was Anne ... who was very much missed. Mrs. Stevenson's sister is visiting her again. It was not such a very great while ago that she was there.

Popham Banquet came off in the evening and it was a very good one. After this George Henry, Rob and I talked and talked and ate a lot. I got a volume of Browning from Dayss and read a few lines before going to sleep.

Cloudy +55

Arose from the bed in 41 Alex. which was Dave Van Dyke's old room. Had breakfast at Benham. The day cleared and sound was a little too cold and there was quite a wind. A lot of people were on hand.

The commencement was not overly edifying but very good on the whole. The speeches at the luncheon were good. Dr. Patterson of the class of 1857 and Dr. Lambert of the class of 1869. Dave's made the best speech. It was a dandy. Dr. Stevenson also was rather good. I met Dr. Radcliffe of Washington. also A Mr Kelly who was in the Seminary with Father. His point of great influence lay in his doing the [illegible] [illegible] whatever that was.

Came down and was glad to get back to Jane [illegible] again. The trip was very well worth while. I had some encouraging information about Lafayette and I hope it will work well.

Rainy + 57

MAI

7 MERCREDI. Tr. S. Etienne 127-238

Arose but not so very early. Worked much of the day on the book of Philemon. I intend to use this letter to make a study at prayer meeting tonight. I have no idea whether it will prove to be interesting to the people or not, but it seems to offer a way of enlisting them in a desire to read more of the Bible. Philemon has no very marked theological color, and is very brief. Yet there must have been a reason which brought it into the company of the books of the New Testament. It seems on the face of it to be because it shows Christianity in its simple activity. Perhaps the Spirit will give me enough power to help the people who will gather there this evening.

Found no time to read in any other books. Michaud is just where I left him last week and I figured that vol II would be finished by this noon. I have two sermons to give one week from Sunday, meeting at Dr Harold's. Do not feel exactly up to the mark this day. So it goes.

Cloudy +70

Read the Bible this morning without any commentary and enjoyed it much more. There is a time to study and there is a time when it is better just to read the Word by itself. This gave me a sense of great satisfaction and comfort for the day. During the morning I read last Tuesday's portion of Wyckoff my essay for the Princeton Review. It has been checked by sent my friend Lyllis and has gone back to be printed for either July or October.

Spent the afternoon reading and working over some of the book of Colossians. I have not as yet found my way into the real inner circle of Greek study but I think I am on the track of it. The only way I am sure is only by hard work and it makes but little difference how it is spent or on what particular method. Plain work is the same all for each disease.

Cloudy + 60

Began again the Gospels in the parallel edition. I enjoy it better and will have to apportion off some section for each day. Read Mychand Book 11. Spent afternoon working on Colossians. All of it is now diagrammed, and all but chapter IV is done on the typewriter. I am trying to determine how to plan my own working apparatus for the New Testament. I want something that I can gradually build up into a valuable, accessible and convenient engine which will above all have the useful facts at hand. Poor Robert Dick Wilson has spent a life in valuable work but it is in such form now that no one can get at it.

Last evening we read Shakespear "Twelfth Night or What you Will." This is the second of his plays we have read evenings before going to sleep. The days do not seem very long when there is so much to do.

I must get a new sermon started now for May 18th.

Rainy +50

As a result of a hot bath last night sleep was fitting & broken and I did not get up in the next day as early as has been my custom. Read my Anchylund and finished the portion more quickly than is usual. Packed away some trophies of my journey in hope in the hope that before very long we may move them to a home of our very own. The days spent waiting here seem very many.

Finished diagraming the book of Colossians. Worked a while on a new scheme of study for Princeton Seminary. It is a harder job than just books, to be thus tinkering with the way they have it now.

Read a little of Morley's Recollections. These are very dull. For all his diverse learning and typically English scholarliness his life was very much of a dull gray because he was an agnostic (still is) and therefore everything was imperative and without zest.

Cloudy + 62

Rose later than is my custom. [illegible] Also the [illegible] nothing much [illegible] I find. This time of waiting [illegible]

Rainy 159

Read the Bible before breakfast. Started the third volume of Muchaud and travelled one hundred pages. Wrote a few letters. Decided to abandon the sermon I began work on yesterday - It was built around the effort that Sidgeon made. I decided that there could not possibly be any genuine Christianity brought into it - that any respectable man could say the same thing and say it better, that in calling upon to preach the Gospel when I did preach and so in time, that I had better burn it and then did. I went to Coleoseians and after another hard tussle with Bernard Weiss who almost drove me away from Col 1:5-9 tied up with it and pray that this will be the channel along which the Spirit can speak through me on next Sunday morning. The whole thing is not clear to me yet but I feel I have something.

Clear +64

Read a portion of Scripture before the day began. Read [illegible] after breakfast until it was noon. Went to the library in the afternoon to look up the material to guide [illegible] the sermon for Sunday. [illegible] what [illegible] will be [illegible] satisfactory. This sermon is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] preceded. [illegible] [illegible] spirit [illegible] reality [illegible] words.

Clear 164

Managed to get up a little earlier this day. Wrote a few pages of Assignment before breakfast and after [illegible] until it [illegible] and finished up about noon. [illegible] [illegible] in the evening but not so much as I before this week. Will probably be able to get this [illegible] finished by the end of the week with this sermon on hand in addition.

Expected to meet Mr. Manson today but for some reason he did not show up. There are a number of reasons that might have explained his not coming. I do not even know that he expected to see me here today. I have a feeling that they will all work out all right for us. We want to do God's will and asking Him for that we can [illegible] what [illegible] by the most reasonable leading apparent.

Cloudy 66

Arose only at seven o'clock. Did not have any great feelings at all with the usual daily routine. Had to devote the better part of the morning to the 3rd Division which had their parade today. It had little particular interest for me. Soldiers were altogether too numerous in France. Did get a little of [illegible] read [illegible] still only about half way through yesterday's assignment. I plan to clean up the volume by the end of the week. Perhaps that ought to satisfy me.

Spent part of the afternoon on my sermon for Sunday. I believe when we do get into our own homes and can arrange such items of the daily program as the meals at a different series of hours we will find that the days can be blocked off for work more systematically.

Went to Haverford and spent evening with Allen Evans and a small party including Elizabeth [illegible] whom we expect to become Allen's wife in due time.

Clear +68

Arose only at seven, but am beginning to believe that under the present organization of things perhaps the morning unbreakfasted does not furnish such an ideal time as was thought. Will probably keep them from early enough to get in my prayer and Scripture but no more. The evenings are broken.

Worked most of the day on my sermon. Sermon making has not come to be enough of a habit with me to know just when I can leave it alone, so I keep after it in a rather trying business all the time without any let-up. But did read a little Highland, but am away behind for the week. Fear with the sermon coming will hardly finish vol 3 this week.

Hope and pray that the present status may not continue any longer than is necessary. Am very anxious to get away and into my own place of habitation. Hennymuel, Ayr Lafayette. It has been quite a want.

Pt. Rainy + 64

Read Scripture before breakfast. Worked greater part of day on the sermon. Went over it four times without notes and read it over once. It seems to be very well imbedded in the mind. Finished 3rd vol. of Michaud. He broke into a full gallop towards the end and dashed me along into 1457 before I could believe it. The first inkling I had that book nineteen was going almost two hundred years in some fifty pages, was the space of some three years that I noticed elapsed. This seemed rather startling to me after having become accustomed to go patiently through several pages before a year elapsed. I have not looked ahead but I presume the final volume will deal with some very interesting generalities about the Crusades or else some equally absorbing particularities about them which will be all the same

Clear + 70

Arose only for breakfast. Soon after went out to Frankford and preached for Dr. Laird. Anne MacGregor went with me. The service went very well. I wore a preacher's gown for the first time in my history. The sermon was somewhat differently conducted than before. I stepped to the side of the pulpit instead of staying behind it and did not leave that place. Also I had almost no occasion to look at the printed outline that I had in the sermon for reference. Once or twice near the beginning I omitted a point but by a glance of the eye I saw I should fear only some but that I wanted to have left in.

This method gave me a little better opportunity to watch my audience. They gave very good attention and the sermon was rather long for I [illegible] I [illegible] not to keep them so long.

Clear + 71

Arose only a little before the rest [illegible]. Started out on the fourth volume of Michaud with a great deal of pleasure. This is the last lap of the race and the end is nearly in sight. This last volume will deal mostly with more general things and the two last books are divided into chapters which are little more than a series of notes. A modern author would almost have put many of them at the foot of his pages or grouped them as appendices at the end of the work.

I [illegible] that I have my book slips ready & begin to feel the compulsion of getting into the larger field of bibliography. There is a great amount of work before me and I am not yet certain as to just the course this work will take. There are large possibilities in it for bringing together a library in a small compass which will give me access to a very wide range of literature on all subjects.

Cloudy +69

Spent morning working on the verbs in Colossians first. Some forty odd of them. Plan to build up a dictionary of my own which will only grow with my own study and which will represent my own first hand contact with the words in question. While I can never depend upon such a creation for any great amount of authority still I can keep track of the work that I do. Called in afternoon at ten places for Father. Came in and finished the 21st Book of Michaud. This leaves me just one more book of general topics and Michaud is an accomplished fact. Wrote on a dozen or more book slips. I discovered that there was not one item in the bibliography of my old essay that was as complete as the blanks I have prepared. But there is plenty enough to satisfy the necessities. Mrs. McChesney writes that Donald is expected on the 23rd this week.

Pt. Cloudy +72

Worked in the morning on the verbs of chapter two of Colossians and wrote out a few more book slips. This is a rather slow business but I believe it will prove to be very worth while. If I can not have a great library, I can at least have the knowledge of the existence of the books that might help me at different times and knowing just what the book is and all about it, I can soon get trace of it in these days. Such a complete bibliography will make my studying and writing as well as the reading more illuminating. By a system of checks I can keep a record of books read, or consulted and those owned, and in this way can keep myself informed on all branches and can use every book that comes to my notice either by a reference or otherwise.

Walked up from down town in the afternoon with Anne MacGregor. Looked up Don's coming home.

Clear +73

Spent the morning looking over Dewey's Decimal System of book cataloguing. I am investigating it as a means for classifying my library of data. It furnished the best general scheme that I know of. I will find it best to modify it in certain particulars because my main interest is only in certain fields of the cyclopedia of human knowledge. It was quite an inspiration to see the whole scheme of human knowledge outlined in the way Dewey has done it. I will use the numbers through my filing cases. It will most readily adapt itself to what little system I already have started.

Read Michaud and did a chapter of notes today also. Only 70 pages of Michaud is left.

Met the McChesneys in the afternoon and spent a couple of hours with them. Day ended clear and brightly.

Clear + 72

MAI

23 VENDREDI. S. Didier 143-222

Finished Michaud after breakfast. Went over a sermon. Have done so every day this week, one in morning and one in the evening. Some criticism was launched against the "Image" sermon. I am looking it over and think I can fix it up to do very well. It was said to be too long and that I can soon remedy. Perhaps it was wrongly built. It went better than any I ever did. But the very fact that it went together quickly and had easily fitted parts militates against it. We will doctor it up and try it on again with some of the decorations taken out.

Went down to the Mercantile in the afternoon. Read Oppenheim's three lectures on the League of Nations. It is all very vague and unsatisfactory. It all depends on the moral force of peoples which is not of the same quality throughout the world. And until this quality is even, there must be some compulsion and it is very difficult to organize any such international sanction that is no more dangerous than a safeguard.

Clear +76

Arose in time for some Bible reading before breakfast. Went over my sermon and wrote out several book slips. Went down town and had a long conference with Messers Jeffries and Twaddell regarding their little church out in Devon. I was not at all pleased with the gentlemen. They struck me as two with whom it would be almost impossible to work with any great success. They are that sort of laymen who exercise an old maidish interest in things religious. Jeffries was ever insisting on the need the new pastor would have for great consecration. I was inclined to agree with him the longer I talked. That plea is for the most part specious and is used by the ultra pious to cover up a great multitude of sins. Consecration means to them the willingness to allow others to shirk their obligations and you do their work for them. Read essay on Horace Bushnell the preacher, rather I finished it. Went over a sermon again in the pm and in the evening.

Clear +77

Arose only in time for breakfast. Went over the sermon for the evening. Went to the McDowell memorial church and preached. Everything went very well. The pastor there died suddenly some three weeks ago.

Mrs. McChesney called up to say that Donald was safe and sound in the land of New Jersey again. Well they have had quite an experience. I could not help but remember all the places where I had seen them through last summer. They landed in England just about a year ago today I think. It was all an enormous adventure when you come to think of it. Take it with its dangers, its novelty, the immensity and the things at stake and then compare that all with the youth, inexperience and zest of the men who went over and you have a picture that may well stir the mind to sleeping imagination. The home [illegible] feel all of this much more than the soldiers. I am just coming to see their point of view. It seemed all prosaic enough to me at the time.

Clear + 78

Went down to Camp Dix in the morning and saw some of the returned members of the Seventy eighth Division. It seemed a bit strange to see them again on this side of the ocean, back where they started. Two years ago they were just starting to build the cantonment, one year ago the division was about to land in England and now they are back again and the whole thing over.

Read one of Pascal's Letters, on the Jesuitical idea of intention and its bearing on homicide. Pascal was a little hard to read. He was the creator of modern idiomatic French, but he uses idioms that are not as yet thoroughly familiar to me. I received a letter asking me to speak at one of the Northfield Conferences this summer. I hope the Lafayette position will work out and so allow me to do it. It would give just the chance I should like.

Clear +82

Read Bible before breakfast - devoted most of the day to small items about the house. A hot spell has settled upon us and I seem to have a touch of spring fever whatever that disease may be.
Replied to Wm. R. Moody that I hoped I could be able to accept his invitation to come to Northfield in August. If the Lafayette business works out this sort of thing will doubtless become more or less of a regular thing for me. It offers a good opportunity to get in some good work. The audience is pretty much selected, but it in turn touches a wide audience. I hope and pray too that the Lafayette business may work out, because the longer I wait the more I believe that it offers the best opportunity for us to do work. In many respects a city church would attract me more. I should want a down town place, right in the heart of things, where my study could be a fine secluded corner in the church with a little door that opened to the street where people could come and where I could be alone both

Clear + 70

Left Phila 8 am with Mother and Grandfather. Took them on the way to Delhi as far as Kingston N.Y. It was a long day on the train because I returned to Phila in the afternoon and evening.

Found a request to preach at Albany in June. which I have accepted.

Read sections in Brastow's book on Representative Preachers. Find the no preacher is a great theologian. There is something very interesting about the fact. I noticed among champions of widely different doctrinal beliefs that they preached about the same things. So far as the outsiders go Christianity presents a fairly united front. As for the inner differences they are the natural result of introspection and organization on the part of individuals which will never produce a uniform result in theology any more than in philosophy or in science.

Clear + 77

Dug down into some of my literary reliques and went over them copying off the bibliographies of the newspaper papers which are to form the new catalogue of all the books with which I come in contact in the future. Noted this interesting item. Was perfunctorily copying off a book name and description when suddenly I saw in my mind's eye the front porch of the McChesney's in Syracuse on a rainy evening and I was sitting there alone. Was quite at a loss to understand why that concept had invaded my consciousness. Examined the slip I was copying and discovered that it was that of a book which I had been reading one evening in 1917 when I sat on the McC porch waiting for them to come home. Here is a curious case of subconscious suggestion, because it was not present to my conscious memory that there was this relation between place and book when the image of the place came into my mind.

Anna MacGregor's birthday. Flowers and a little note with the Alexanders before tea.

Clear +84

Arose at 7 a.m. went on with my cataloging of books. Went down with Father to the Conference on Fundamentals held at the Academy of Music. Rev. Massey of Dayton Ohio preached on "Grace". Another spoke on "Sanctification". The whole reminded me of some religious gathering of fifty years ago. There was a firm adhesion to the faith as it is in Christ which was pleasing to behold. At noon there was a minister's meeting at Chambers-Wylie Church where Dr. Griffith-Thomas spoke. He took up various items in a conference style which had been handed in as questions and dealt with them in a free manner which was very good but not very thorough. He speaks often at Northfield. He is a pre-millenarian which damages him a good deal in my eyes. I must set for myself the task of going over that vexed question and making up my mind about it I suppose. Instinctively the pre-mil stirs me up without my being able to tell exactly why. It may be the temperament I do not like.

Clear +89

MAI

31 SAMEDI. S. Sylve 151-214

Went to town and ordered five hundred more booth slips. Worked most of day on the spoils of my seven years of college and seminary. I do not suppose very many of the notes I took will ever be of any practical value to me, but they serve to bring back to mind valuable hours of halcyon days when my mind was entering the garden of the deepest foliage of human knowledge. I presume I knew then more about some things than I shall ever know again, but less about life. Education is really a kind of a substitute for living. The educated man has something of the advantage of the very old man without the disadvantages of age itself. One can orient himself in the midst of time and intelligently prepare to live a life of definite purposefulness.

Received word to preach at Englewood in Jul. 6 + 13. Hope + may that Lafayette comes to crown all this or rather becomes the foundation for all these useful engagements of the day.

Clear +90

Communion at church this morning. Spoke in the afternoon at the "Indigent and Single Women's Asylum" on Chestnut St. Told them a little bit about France by telling them both the sermon and the surroundings that I gave one day at Chatel Chehery.

June has come. A year ago the outlook was a good deal different. I was under orders to proceed to France and no one knew what that meant in detail. Today the future is also uncertain but not in just the same way. I sometimes wonder whither I am going. Life is not such a long time. What is the piece of work God has for me to do? Those who died in France did their bit. Mine is not yet done. I hope that Lafayette will be the first scene of labor. I feel I can do more there now than in any other place, but principally because that has opened to me, not completely but so much so that I have good grounds for thinking that it will be where God would have me to labor for Him.

Clear +92

Spent most of the morning picking out the wrong in Colossians first. I think this more or less experimental study of Paul will give up some very useful results. I am not going out after any particular thing, but am gradually acquainting myself with the vocabulary of this epistle and by going over the field again and again I am becoming familiar with the theme, through the Greek. I have no particular idea what the English is. The fact that the whole letter is not long enables me to make a more rapid progress with the work. But there is more than matter enough to engage one's most profound labors. The ordinary commentary does not mean very much to me now. I prefer the more recent attempts made to link up the New Testament with the corresponding literature of the age from which it comes to us. Here I believe there are interesting treasures to be found.
Went to Zoological Gardens in afternoon with Lena MacGregor.

Clear + 96

A genuinely summerish day. The day was very profitable. Went on one chapter more with the Colossians. Finished reading Bruce's introduction to his commentary on the Synoptics. He stated some of the problems very well, and in a very modest way gave his adherence to some of them, but goes not to be perfectly clear. But I believe it is absolutely impossible for a man to be absolutely lucid when he comes to propose a synoptic theory. It is something like a problem in higher algebra. There are so many unknown quantities that they of necessity eventuate in a plurality of answers, and no better thing can be given forth than the old conventional + x.

11 Helped Anne MacIver sort our possessions in the afternoon. Worked a bit at my catalogue. I think it will prove a great help. It compels a definite amount of copying & relating.

Clear & 97

JUIN

4 MERCREDI. S. Quirin 155-210

As the result of disquieting news from Easton went thither in hope of seeing Dr. MacCrachen. but found him out of town. Had the long hot dusty ride for nothing - but registered my good intentions and credited the journey up to works wrought for the cause.

In evening went out to little chapel at Dover and moderated congregational meeting to accept resignation of the ex-pastor. Talked also as it was a prayer meeting. Was not at all impressed with the field mostly because it is dominated by a couple of gentlemen whose ideas are lax and their ruins the gospel.

Wondered if perhaps a down town city church would not be a good place for me. It seems hard to get a clear prognostication on the Lafayette business. Believe that God will lead us into a proper work all in good time. His way is always best.

Clear +85

Went to see Elder James L. Wilson of Holland Memorial Church. Heard that several individuals had been favorably impressed with me, but that they evidently had not seriously taken me into consideration for the place. Talked the place over. It has many serious problems before it which would make the task difficult. It is hard for me to break into a class of work where for many years in the pastorate as the preeminent. Phoned Dr. Beach relative to Lafayette post. Found him warmly ready to help me.

On the whole the day seems to have pulled us a little in hopefulness for Easton. That is really the place where my heart tells me I want to be. Can I trust my heart. I believe God will use us mightily. This place seems slowly and with difficulty to be coming our way. God's perfectness is wonderful.

Pt Rainy +80

JUIN

6 VENDREDI. S. Norbert 157-208

Read, wrote out the proper names of Colossians and the adjectives of chap I. Rec'd letter from Dr. McDowell which started me off to get in touch with the Philadelphian Commn. Dr. Stevenson arrived by the going there and I put what was on my mind in his care. I would like to have things after try the place at Princeton. It would help me a lot with [illegible] I think and it might very well be a good thing in itself. I am afraid that I turned it down too flatly when it was first put up to me. Well we shall see what transpires. I have decided that God will settle all this rightly for us. It is very hard to know when one has done all that one ought to do to help from the human side. This is a kind of a trial of patience at all events and that has its place. Perhaps of course at the end it will all fall out right. Juvat olim haec meminisse

Clear + 86

worked with Colossians for a time in the morning. Just for a few days now the work has not gone forward with so great vigor. The heat has had something to do with it but the uncertainty about the future work has had more to do with it I feel. I feel sure that God is planning some adequate work to engage all our energies, but so far we have not been able to see what it will be. There seems to be an infinite number of permutations and combinations of possibilities no one of which is more than just a possibility. On the whole I guess God will have to guide the thing through to His conclusion. The most hopeful fact of all is that which on the face seems to be the least comforting and that is this that there are no other openings before me. I am not holding off any lesser or greater things for this. This may well be a sign that after all is said and done Lafayette may be the place for me.

Cloudy +60

Went out to Devon and preached at the Childrens Day service in St. Johns Church. The field there is small but worth while, but I believe it would be impossible to do anything very extensive because it has always been so largely under the control of Messers Jeffries and Twaddel. They have sapped the initiative of all the rest. I noticed it very markedly. None of the other men had anything to do with me, nor seemed to show any interest. I was evidently just Jeffries man brought out there under his auspices and responsible to him. I would hesitate a long while before I would put myself in such a place. I judge these men to be those who have preferred to keep in prosperous business enterprises and yet who delight to do some of the kinds of work that a minister does. Such men have their place but I imagine are almost always difficult to deal with or handle.

The days are passing and we are not settled as yet.

Cloudy +63

Spent the day at the house. Wrote some letters in the morning and waited towards the end of the day for some word from Dr. MacCracken indicating where I could see him to talk with him. I feel more and more like pushing a big fight for Lafayette and yet as I work I am so much in the dark as to how things stand that it is hard to know how things stand. I believe there is nothing to be gained by forever trying to take straw votes of the chances. I intend DV to do all that I can conscientiously do to win out but if it fails, why something else must be in store for me. This after all is but a foretaste of what all of the hurly burly of life is. Anne MacGregor has been ill all day which of itself spoils the day. But good will come of it all DV. Day ended without event. Anne MacGregor does feel very miserably. It seems like a fitting anniversary to one year ago this week when I sailed for France.

Cloudy +65

JUIN

10 MARDI. S. Landry 161-204

Another dull day overhead and
one not altogether bright
within. No news came of
any kind. No news is good
news. I feel as though any
piece of work that came
along would stir up
great enthusiasm. Blessed
is the man who has found
his work. Amen - Passed a
factory and saw a man
busily working at his
bench and remembered
how many happy days
I have spent [illegible]
& passing time while I
was absorbed over some
piece of work at a bench.
This hard to keep going
at full pressure, day
without the incentive of some
definite task to be done -
There are so many things
that come along to take
my consideration that
little satisfaction is to
had. But in spite of all
the present discouragement
I feel sure that I am in no
wise deserted by the
Master, but that He has
some good places planned
for us to go to and that
ere long we shall look
back as before and see
all the way wherein He
has led us so wonderfully.

Clear + 70

Anne MacGregor was much better and that helped make the day bright. In the afternoon I had a long talk with Dr. Kennedy and was very much encouraged by what he had to say about Lafayette. He was most enthusiastic about me and seems to believe thoroughly in my ability to help the Kingdom along by my life on earth. He wrote to Mr. Graves a very strong letter for me and of course it will have some weight. Later I called up Dr. Laird and presented to him all the facts that I had and some of the conclusions to which I had come regarding the way the contest is shaping itself. Some that I have counted friends seem to be not so strong for my cause as I had supposed. It is a very funny world we live in, and it is hard, I know, how to conduct oneself [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has no [illegible] interest in [illegible]. Then a [illegible] and [illegible] till too late.

Went down to call on [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] delightful and [illegible] time. [illegible] Radcliffe who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have started but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

fayette

Am content to let God unfold the plan but feel that He means me to keep on the lookout and has been leading me to busy myself in every legitimate way to further my cause. I have tried and I think succeeded in keeping myself from damaging others by any statements that were not plain, public truth. That ought to be done always.

Clean + 76

Went down town in the morning and interviewed one Chas. B. Adamson a trustee of Lafayette on the engrossing subject before the house just now. No very definite result was seen but every thing had a very hopeful cast.

Dr. Kennedy called up and read a letter from Mr. Manson which suggested the possibility of the election being postponed again until Mr. Manson is freed from the particular situation he is in due to the grave illness of his wife. This would be a rather hard thing to bear but there seems to be some things worse, that would include a quick decision leaving me behind.

I guess in some way I have been put in the shade by some personal propaganda that has been launched from a source prejudicial to my cause.

All this is beside the point so long as God finally puts me in a place where He can use me. I just wonder a bit why I tarry so long from the active labor which I long to get into forthwith and work right off—.

Clear +80

A quiet day of work on my next sermon. It seems to go fairly well. I wish with all my heart that we were settled in a place of our own, with our own house, our own job, our particular interests and future before us measurably settled as far as human sight can see under God's care. These days are most unsatisfactory and yet they are going to give us the very best thing that we can have.

A year ago I was out of sight of land going out into the unknown away. Ahead were all kinds of baffling dangers. It was the beginning of a long series of unique experiences. I can see now all the way wherein I have been led. I pray for the grace to see the opportunities that come to me now better than I saw other chances that have come to me and gone away because I was not keen to see them.

Amy MacDougall is the greatest comfort of all. She shows the sweetest tenderness energy of God. We have days go by without a ripple on the surface of our loving fellowship together.

Clear + 77

Left Phila 8[12] am. Trenton - Went to hospital and saw Alex. Mgt Cousins Sady & Charles and talked things over with them. Went on to Princeton and saw quite a goodly number of the boys. Had lunch at the club and talked until the Crusaders met. It was a very helpful meeting for me. John Mott was the only member of my class there, but we had a good talk and prayer together just as we used to have back in college days. It was a very blessed little experience. Pete Speers was there from India and told something about an opportunity there. In some ways that appeals to me.

Was very thankful for the day altogether. It seemed to help along very considerably. Was glad to get back to Anna MacGregor, but I wish very very much that we were simply in our own home and were going to be there all the whole summer, at some congenial work.

Clear +82

Shopped a little with Anne MacGregor after groceries. I worked on my sermon. I have formed some little attachment for this particular one. It seems to be the most coherent production yet made in my laboratory. Anne MacGregor joins in my approval. I believe it goes after a very prevalent popular formed error and as far as I can see it answers it. Perhaps this is partly because I answered the problem myself with these same arguments brought together with my refutation. Dr. Speath, oddly enough, gave me the first rate ready. I immediately saw that it was intrinsically a very cogent thing and that it was dead right. That was relative to the utter divergence between the object of Christ and that of the soldier in pursuit of his ordinary military duty.

Clear +83

Worked most of day on the sermon. It seems to be going along with a fair degree of polish. Most every sentence has to have some slight change, but they all seem to bring it nearer to expressing the idea. These days are not thoroughly satisfying owing to the uncertainty about a place to work. If Lafayette proves to be God's choice then all this will seem to have a meaning but if not it will be a little hard to understand how all the effort and ammunition can be salvaged for the next day's fighting. About all who can say a good word for me have spoken and I would hardly know to whom to go now for a new set of advices as to my fitness for some particular piece of work. I pray that St Lafayette may be the answer to the puzzle. It seems reasonable to my own self because I believe I can help there, but it seems rather above my reach from the merely human side, but I have been seriously considered. God will decide it rightly.

Clear +84

JUIN

18 MERCREDI. S. Emile 169-196

Worked on sermon most of day. The week before preaching a new sermon is always a hard one for me. Until I have preached over a sermon once I cannot get it altogether apart from the text. I do not like to have to follow the text too closely but if I get a portion of it in my mind it tends to crystallize there and becomes not a thought of my own but a memorized saying of another. This time I am trying to keep absolutely with my written sermon and when I find that in speaking it I have to put the words in a new order or add a phrase I carefully change the text. This text will represent most closely the spoken discourse of all so far that were not read. It is only a question of the length of time I spend on it and then I feel whether the whole business will come along extempore or not on Sunday —

Ruth Sampl & Paul Marsland married. 4 m.

Clear +85

Spent the forenoon very fruit-
lessly trying to get an
Italian that represents
to settle for a hat of
Lynn Chase Green's which
he had lost. He was
most unwilling to be
reasonable. I was much
interested in watching
the effects that different
sorts of argument had
with him. Reason and
persuasion proved the
most moving with him.
I went through all the
tricks I knew and had
had a very pretty little
lesson in elocution. I
tried to outtalk him,
to abuse him, to
appeal to his pride,
his reason, his sympathy.
Went over sermon in
the afternoon.
It would be very wonderful
if DV it could be decided
tomorrow that Lafayette
shall be the scene of
my life and labors
for a while in the
kingdom. I know that
God's perfect will will
be done. I have hoped
and prayed. It [illegible]

Pt Cloudy + 90

JUIN

20 VENDREDI. S. Romuald 171-194

went over the sermon in the morning and found that it was in very good shape indeed. Helped Anne MacGregor pack and arrange some of our belongings. Spent the afternoon on errands for camp and tried to collect something for the least hat.

This is the day that the trustees meet at Lafayette meet. The best opinion seems to be that no action will be taken at this time. The thing has run along in a way that makes me feel that I will have it offered to me. I feel that the right thing will come to pass. All this is most taxing and there will be a great peace in my mind when I know that I have found my work. Probably there is a good reason for all this delay and when the way has been made clear we shall see that it is the good and perfect way that leads to some [illegible] service for God. [illegible] train [illegible] Carruthers to Lafayette

Clear t 79

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Clear + 70

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A fairly good attendance was out in the evening. The day was beautiful in the sky. In many ways New York State would please me very much. Now I am just going on through my summer engagements with the hope that the right thing will appear in time. These have been pretty hard days. I want most to get into my own place wherever it is and away from even friendly advice and criticism.

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Clear + 82

Arose at 4 30 and caught the 5[20] train out of Albany for New York. In this way I reached Phila. at just noon time.

Nothing of note had transpired in my absence. Father wanted to go out to hear the band play in the park after lunch. So we did that.

My times will not be right again until we are in the definite prospect of getting into a home of our own with a definite job to do. This being without a place or occupation in the world is altogether the worst experience I have ever run up against. I thought that teaching was my best work, but evidently if it is it is not to come to me just at this time.

Equal with the job itself is my anxiety to have Anne Mae Syer settled in some home that appeals to her as something near to a fulfillment of her dreams. She has waited a long while for the day to come and I pray that the waiting may be well nigh at an end. God give us a home soon

Clear +88

Spent the morning in packing up our stuff for camp. That will furnish a blessed little time of happy out of door life. But if only some fitting thing could come to pass which would solve our winter problem it would color the world very brightly. This being without a definite place of our own in the world is the hardest experience I have ever had. Anything seems to be a good thing now.

I believe that our thing will forthwith make its appearance. This Cleveland offer seems to have some of the features that I would really enjoy very greatly. Teaching is the main function and I have some very definite ideas about teaching. The field would have a great many possibilities and what I have heard of Dr Sutphen pleases me very well. If they would be willing to make me an associate pastor, the thing would seem to me to be very fine indeed. But I do greatly want a definite place to live and work.

Cloudy + 84

Went out on a journey to see some people about camp. Day was not very well filled with profitable labor. Bought my ticket for Cleveland where DV I am to preach on Sunday and talk over with Dr. Paul F Sutphen, becoming his assistant. The work sounds like something that would suit my abilities, and give me the change I want. The type of man he has had assisting helps to make the place attractive to me.

This is one of the longest times I have ever experienced. It seems ages since March when I came back and expected to get into some definite work almost at once. Nothing definite, however, has yet been offered me except Clinton and that was not a what seemed like a sufficient salary and there were other things there that seemed to well worth waiting for.

So it goes and there it is at the end of June and we are not settled at anything. But perhaps it will all work out well after all. I believe our star is only just beginning to rise in the sky even at this time.

Rainy +81

JUIN

26 JEUDI. S. Maixent 177-188

Went to call on Craig [illegible] relative to the [illegible] Church. He desires to have me preach there in Sept. if I am not settled by that time - but I hope and pray that I have been found by some good place to work in and that by then Anne [illegible] and I can have a real home of our own and a place in the world, a base from which we can scatter, to which our hearts can return again & again. This being stranded has been the worst experience of all my life. There are so many things I want to do, writing and studying which would come in so naturally if we were in a permanent place and had definite duties around which all the other things frame themselves so naturally. I have no decided prepossession about what will do for me. All I can do is to believe that when God's time comes for me to begin to work the job will be there ready for me to step into.

Rainy +83

Worked some on the Scribe sermon. Tried to figure out a suitable garb for preaching. Finally tried a white vest with the mohair trousers. Although this did not look like the right thing to begin with, we tried it and everyone was pleased with it. This solved what had been a vexing question for some time.

The weather has been very sultry and sticky for the past day or so which has added a little to the burden of this time.

Miss Cameron of Albany wrote a letter which went a long way in making the sun shine again when she said that my sermons and general impression at Albany had been so favorable. In many ways it would be a very delightful place etc. I like New York State. The people there are very like my own folks. I was born not so very far from there.

Have the thought that some Cameron Company may have been home of her own

Clear +60

JUIN

28 SAMEDI. S. Irénée 179-186

Awoke near Pittsburg. Stopped for breakfast - went on to Cleveland. Arrived 12.43 p.m. met Dr Sutphen. Went to lunch with him his son-in-law and his daughter the Farnsworth at the University Club. Motored about town in afternoon and went over the church situation.

In the evening we went to dine at the Country Club. We were the guests of the Pines a very delightful couple. Mr. Pine is one of the elders, and a very influential man. I took a strong liking to him. We met a good many people and had a very enjoyable trip coming home after a good time, it being the preparation for Lord's Day. Before going to bed Dr S and I went over somewhat further the job at the Second Church. There are a good many attractive features about this place. The only disadvantage is being an assistant to another. But in this particular case there seems to be several considerations that greatly mitigate this drawback. I wish Anne was here to see this place and contribute her good opinion.

Clear + 70

Preached at 11 a.m. at the Second Presbyterian Church. The sermon was perfectly familiar to me and the result was correspondingly good. The people were impressed and showed their interest by keeping up a close attention. After service a committee from the First Church of Austin Ill came up and asked me to come out to Austin to preach. They expressed the wish that I might be able to become the pastor there. In the afternoon several members of the session of the 2nd Church came to see me. They were all very cordial and seemed to desire to have me become interested in the Cleveland position. Mr. Pope was particularly solicitous and put the thing up to me very strongly indeed. He said that the money was a secondary consideration that they wanted to pay what I was worth and not lose me because of a few hundred dollars.

Clean 180

JUIN

30 LUNDI. C. S. Paul 181-184

Left Cleveland at midnight
and came to Pittsburg.
Then followed an all
day ride across Pennsyl-
vania which was very
dull. The much talked
of Horseshoe Curve did
not greatly impress me.
It even seemed as if a
bridge or trestle could
have been constructed
which would have done
all that this elaborate
curve had accomplished.
Arrived home gladly and
found a good many
things to do against our
expected departure on
the morrow for camp.
On talking over the place
at Cleveland seemed to
be a very worth while
thing. It seems to be
best on the whole to
agree to accept it if
they will be willing to
give [illegible] $2500. and the
[illegible] of a suitable house
or apartment. This will
enable us to live with-
out care for the necessary
things and will [illegible]
us to throw our whole
energies into the task
before us.
In evening some of the girls
came in to say good-bye.

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AGENDA

POUR

1919

Clear + 85

JUILLET

Left Philadelphia and went up to New York on the nine o'clock with two boys who were wished on us by some people who discovered that we were going thither. We took them over without any difficulty and spent most of the day at the Hotel Wellington talking to the parents of the various boys who came in from time to time with their peculiar precious possessions to deposit them with us for a couple of months. Such a thing shows up very many odd and interesting phases of human nature. The trip we began for camp was a funny way to spend one night. One lower berth contained two boys and a dog which three did not seem to be able to sleep very soundly. The boys kept the dog awake by their restlessness and the motion of the train, while the dog was a cause of keeping them uncomfortable by his various depredations. Canine disgust at the way things were going in this world.

Clear + 77

There were no sleepers on the train except when at last along about three a.m. I fell asleep in a kind of a nightmarish doze and only awakened when the train was run off at Pittsburgh on a siding and the time was at hand to get out. The morning was very chilly and delicious in a very real sense of the word. We took up to camp in an old Ford car that Roger Cummond drove for us. Being at camp seemed very good again after the interval that has elapsed but which has been filled with so many great experiences. I was very sleepy all day and it was rather trying to get all the details of the past few days in my diary but I had to do because of the pressing rush of circumstances which kept me from doing the things I wanted to do.

Clear + 87

The mosquitoes nearly ate you up during the night but the day went off rather well. A few people came in during the day. It has been very warm here all day. I hope to see it moderate before very long. This sort of thing does not belong to camp in its ideal state.

Did not get in any reading this day. The schedule of things has hardly gotten under way as yet. Wrote out a letter to Mr. Rose which will precipitate me into the [illegible] in Cleveland if they accept it. It is the only thing actually before me at this moment. There will probably come one call from Albany for the West End church but that is not certain. In one way it does not matter so very much where we are. I hope we will be given to know with certainty before we come to a conclusion.

This is a happy place to be in very many ways. God grant that we can find a place where we can serve God well.

Clear +89

A typically Fourth of July. Very warm, the noise of the fire crackers and of the regular camp life on top of it but on the whole the Fourth in camp tends to become the safe and sane variety.

A little bit more of our stuff came along today but the things that we want most have not yet put in an appearance. I am somewhat sorry now that I have arranged to be away on these three coming Sundays. The work here would be very much more worth while - but the dates were arranged for a good while ago before this was a sure thing.

We went into the water in the afternoon and there is a celebration planned for tonight. I am down for a stump speech and I want to twist the lion's tail a little.

Sent off a letter today practically accepting the Cleveland job if they will pay me 2500 and provide me a place to live in.

Clear +85

JUILLET

5 SAMEDI. Ste Zoé 186-179

Cooler this day than before, after a thunder storm somewhere up in the mountains cleared the atmosphere. We had supper down in the cottage and it was a very pretty meal. Elizabeth had on a beautiful old rose dress which set off her bountiful natural charm to perfection.

I left at ten o'clock for the train fortified by the kisses of all my female cousins. Now after being here a good part of a week after this trip I ought to begin to get in some good work. The time flies and there are several things that I want to do before fall.

I hope now that Cleveland will offer me any price for perhaps this will prove to be the right thing after all. The Lafayette business, I am compl. I believe was a thing better missed than won after all I would not care to be one man's private property living along at a year's lease of life. A church would be far better for a whole

Cloudy +90

Arrived N.Y.C. and made my way to Englewood and preached in the Pres. Ch. there. I was not very greatly impressed with the church or with the people. The building is in imitation of an episcopal structure which does not lend itself well to Presbyterian worship.

In the afternoon I called up Mason Olcott and found him about to go to India with a commission to investigate the state of education there. I went to the house and met a company, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. Fleming, Col. [illegible] of Union Sem. [illegible] Williams of England, Clarendon [illegible] of England, [illegible] It was only a fairly interesting company. I have an inherited dislike for [illegible] [illegible]

The [illegible]

Clear +66

JUILLET

7 LUNDI. S. Prosper 188-177

Awoke on train and reached Hillsboro at 4.45 a.m. Walked up to camp with a man leading a cow. Spent the morning with three boys and some different varieties of Latin which they have to study. P.M. devoted to a trip to long pond with the little boys. They all went in for a swim. Took a dip on my return to camp. The day has been perfectly delightful overhead. Now a few drops of rain are falling from an almost clear sky. This is one of the pretty conceits of this beautiful country.

Have discovered two new texts which seem to offer me a new way to treat the sermon "The New Faith" which seemed to be a little hard on some persons. I hope to use this to make the sermon suitable for use on next Sunday and perhaps on some other occasions. I find sermons grow from time to time as I use them.

Clear +70

A perfect day overhead. The sky is a cerulean blue, the air a magnificent crystal. The mountains can be seen away in the dim distance. Everything breathes a spirit of wild beauty.

Spent a good portion of the day working on a sermon for next Sunday. I took the old one and worked up a new beginning and new ending. Some of the middle material seemed to be all right. I often do that with a sermon. As I preach a sermon I keep changing it so that it makes its progress with myself. As I go the [illegible] and often its [illegible] changes. Of course this is a typical variety of sermon. I hope to be able this summer to write out a few evening sermons for Cleveland next fall. That work [illegible] push me to get about the [illegible]. I believe would be good for me and bring out the best there is in me.

Clear + 75

Classes in the morning and some work on my sermon in the afternoon. The days go along quite swiftly. The sermon for next week rather troubles me so far. There is absolutely no decent place to preach from in that church, I will need to have the sermon text at hand although all I will need will be an occasional glance at the text to check me by. I cannot understand why a good Presbyterian church can go off on such a tangent in architecture.

I feel now that I must get some time each day to do some of the things that will keep me going from a mental point of view. I have the books that I want to read. But there is so much delightful loafing going on all the time that it is very hard to get apart and be free from all sorts of perfectly proper interruptions. So the problem will have to be sternly dealt with.

Rainy +73

An unusual day with the rain coming down. Classes and sermons took the greater part of the day. The sermon seems to be becoming a part of my equipment. A good letter came from Dr. Sutphen, which makes me hope that they will feel able to come to my terms and I can then close with them. I am very anxious to get to work and on the whole I like the looks of Cleveland very much. Anny true Freer seems to be well pleased with it. The evening services appeal to me and will give me all I can do in the way of preaching. It will be a big thing if I can get a hold on the crowd. I have never yet tried my hand at drawing people to hear me preach the word of God. But I will try to give them the whole counsel of God—

Cloudy +63

Classes - worked on the sermon and it went pretty well. Climbed up Pikes mountain in the afternoon with Howard Ranson. It was a splendid trip. The view from the mountain top was unusually fine. Howard and I watched it for quite a while. Howard is a fine boy. His parents are in Africa as missionaries which always seems to me to be a kind of Sainthood. And I always feel that it must be like a benediction to be near their children because they must be especially protected and guided by God. I shall be very glad when in due course of time I can get my work settled and we can have a place of our own. This long period of waiting has been rather hard but I believe everything will come out all in good time.

Cloudy + 74

No classes today and was able to get over a few pages of France's Life of Joan of Arc. I began it at Bourbonne les Bains almost a year ago and I recall now how thrilling it seemed reading so near the scene of her life and in the midst of another great war where her [illegible] enemies were allies of France.
Went over my sermon three times on my little sylvan pulpit and enjoyed the results very well. I wonder if I will be able to get over it without any reference at all to my notes. I should like to but yet I am afraid that I will thereby miss some part that ought to be put in.
Umpired a base ball game in the afternoon which was a pleasant diversion for the afternoon—

Clear 1878 A

JUILLET

13 DIMANCHE. S. Anaclet 194-171

Awoke near N.Y.C. Went to Englewood where I found everything as expected. Preached a revamped model of the new Earth sermon. It seemed to go very well. Had dinner with the Henry W Blakes. They were very nice indeed. Have a most beautiful little daughter of twelve years. There are four generations of Yale men in the family.

Talked with Dr. Griswold about the possibility of going to India but do not believe it would be wise at this time.

Went up to Fifth Ave. Ch and heard Dr. R. E. Speer preach. Spoke to him afterwards. Went to Hotel Belmont and met a party whose youngster it was my job to bring up to camp with me.

The day was pretty good. But it is most unsatisfactory this going about preaching. I hope and pray that shortly we can settle down knowing that we have a place that we can call home. God willing it may be soon.

Clear +76

JUILLET

14 LUNDI. FETE NAT. 195-170

Reached Willsboro at 4.45 am with a youngster from N.Y.C. Classes. Mother and Father came at noon and most of the rest of the day was devoted to them. Now I am anxious to hear from Cleveland that the Second Church is willing to spend the price I suggested for my services among them. If I can once get that problem settled I believe that I will feel greatly satisfied. After all the simplest of human needs is a place to live and a place to work in, with that you feel that all that you do has some meaning. For a year now I have been doing a work which shows no returns. Only by faith can I see any results of all that I have done from day to day and from week to week. But in a place there I think there will be seen more visible returns

Rainy +67

A day almost solidly devoted to signing. Classes absorbed the forenoon and the p.m. was devoted to the youngsters reading to them and telling them stories. Went to the cottage for a while and read them a story from Sherlock Holmes.
I feel now as if camping had really begun. There is the expectation of my being here on Sunday and the talk then to the boys. While mother and Father are here there will have to be more or less talking and sitting about in the cottage. They are going to have a very happy time of it here I think because everyone is so lovely. There are a lot of young people here this year and the camp is so much different from what I remember it as being seven years ago.
Once we get a place for ourselves and can feel that we have a home and a piece of work to be done, all will seem pretty fine. Already the Sunday Evening services are on my mind.

Clear +79

Classes. Folks were still here. Dinner came along about two o'clock. Called at Roundwood and met there a Mrs. Dustan and her son. Helena Smith came at supper time and there was dancing in the evening.

Received letter from Jack Carruthers which read as though his conscience was smiting him for having beaten me to Lafayette. But I do not feel ill disposed towards him in the least. I always had a vague feeling that Lafayette was not the place for me. The run gave me a little insight into my standing and as the thing has worked out I am very well pleased. The place in Cleveland looks very good and the way it came before me makes my feel that someway it must be the thing for me. The letter came just on the day when the other place went out of sight. I rather think it may work out. If it does it will seem to be my place.

Clear + 82

JUILLET

17 JEUDI. S. Espérat 198-167

Mother and Father left in the morning. Classes. Tea at Roundwood in the afternoon. Refereed two boxing bouts in the evening. Sixpe parents arrived at supper time.

Anne MacGuffin has risen to the lofty weight of 121 pounds which is the best she has ever been I think. It is a great blessing that she can be up there during these weeks. I hope and pray that it will mean everything to her and to the Dear Anne or Anne J. These days are a great contrast to the days of last year when I was billeted at Mielles-le-Blequin.

Religions are expeditions which one takes through the woods to a cabin of Christianity so the path made by one starting from the cabin to these myriads searching. It comes to me and is in so far utterly different from every other faith in all the world. God finds men in it.

Clear + 88

Classes - We are waiting rather impatiently for a letter to come from Cleveland. It seems somehow that this must materialize into something that will give us a place and a job. Now I do not care much what there is to do so long as I can devote myself to the task without reserve and see some results come from the labor. It will be a wheel inside a wheel in Cleveland but I look upon it as a sort of junior partnership which will offer me something comparable to the situation offered to a beginner in some other line of work. I have also the definite promise or rather the expressed wish that the new assistant may become more than that before long.

Some friends of the MacCreadys the Dunstans came to tea and we functioned on the porch. This seems to be our job up here.

Clear +87

JUILLET

19 SAMEDI. S. Vincent de P. 200-165

Wrote out what will be something like what I hope to say tomorrow evening DV at the Vesper Service. Had cheers at the game. Read a very little in the Life of Joan d'Arc. Anatole France has certainly done a very interesting piece of work but I presume this work would be a thorn in the flesh to the good Romanist. I can't help feeling a sympathy for them when I recall how so many able writers have done exactly the same thing with the Gospels. After all it depends on the point of departure. If you admit the premises of either the Gospel or of these traditions life of Joan d'Arc which makes her a child of magical experiences you have to go the whole way and see the story through to the end - So said,

Clear +90

Conducted a little group of suburbs youngsters through a story of Daniel. Being more in the spirit on the Lord's Day I decided this morning to change my evening talk. I have decided to make a little series of talks on the happy things in Jesus' life. The first this evening I intend to have cover the visit to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. It must have been a great adventure for our Lord to visit the temple of his people's life and city, place where they had been granted so large a part of the great drama of Israel's history. And there was also better than the way He had yet to go. Since now He was to enter by the Damascus gate and at last it was to leave the city not in obedience. This presents a holding of his Father in Heaven to make a way for us to enter into fellowship with him.

Rainy + 70

Classes. Owing to the fact that Ceriain Charles is down in New York I was possessed today of a vague but potential authority as acting commanding officer of the ranch. Nothing came along, needless to say which called for any display of my executive authority. None of the dreaded parents came to make the day miserable. Camp life was without incident and I managed to read a couple of dozen pages in Joan of Arc.

There was a heavy rain during most of the afternoon. We have been remarkably spared from rain during camp so far.

The notable feature of the day was the arrival of a letter from Mr. Pope offering me the place at Cleveland at $ 36 of a year and I to get my own place to live. This is what I asked for only not put in exactly the same way.

We pray that we may be guided aright and brought to the places where we can serve most

Pt. Clear + 74

JUILLET

22 MARDI. Ste Madeleine 203-162

The morning was most unpromising but in the afternoon it cleared off very nicely. Answered the letter from Mr. Pone in the affirmative, & I am very happy over it because it somehow seems to be my job. It is not anything that I had definitely visualized before. It is in a way a trainer for my pride because I have said that I would never be an assistant. Now that is what I am going to be. So things work out! Now I have a definite piece of work before me to think about. In particular I have some Sunday evening sermons to prepare. They will tell a big story in the way I get along out there. Then the calling and the Sunday Bible School, all things upon which I must bestow prayer and thought. I have come thus far with some Isaac Greely in preparing upsly trust that Christ was my guide even all through life

Clear + 76

Classes, read five chapters of Mark in Greek which is a chore I have set myself for each day. St. I am going to try to make it a definite length of time each day when we get settled in Cleveland. Now at last we have something towards which we can look forward and for which we can plan. There are a great many things to be done and I must be sure to make some good use of the time that is now before me. Every day is infinitely precious. I owe a certain portion of my time to the work here but there is a portion that I can legitemately use for my own larger work of next fall.

So these next weeks will be filled with happy profitable labor. I want also to read the two works I have brought along with me. Cantu and France's Joan of Arc. They are each very fine in their way and worth my time and effort.

Clear + 74

Nothing of special note today. Very little. Shrubs camp beat the ... 26 to 2 in one of the funniest games I have ever seen. Had the pleasure of tearing up a couple of letters and telegrams concerning the church at Ridley Park near Philadelphia. I am happy to be settled in a place and so be able to tell other places that I am not free to look at their proposition. It was always a great burden that ... ... when I ... through some subterranean channel that there was a possibility that I might be located in a place, if I could get enough people to say a word for me. This place came to me without a dream of its existence on my part and yet at ... ... and with the feeling of success from the very start. And now it has worked out most satisfactorily for me so far.

Clear + 76

JUILLET

25 VENDREDI. S. Jacques le M. 206-159

Classes in the morning.
went on walking trip to
Trout Pond in the p.m.
It was a trip of exploration
to see whether this lake
will make a good place
to send trips during the
vacancy [illegible]. It was
found at last after
what seemed a rather
long trip. The length
was made to seem
more because we did
not know where our
destination lay exactly.
When we found the lake
at last it did not prove
to be at all a good
place to swim and we
only found a very
moderate camping
place. We had to go a long
way for water and we
did not find any very
pleasant. At last pretty
late in the evening sleep
came to us. It was
a beautiful experience
lying out under the
stars. I renewed my
acquaintance with some
old friends. Some day
I will have to renew
some old studies on them.

Rainy + 70

JUILLET

26 SAMEDI. Ste Anne 207-158

Awoke at six a.m. We had a peaceful breakfast but set out immediately and soon forgot the meal. Partly as punishment of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] first, but more just to get home in good season for dinner, we came all the way with only one small rest. We thereby did the home trip in almost an hour less time than the trip over took. This was pretty good as it saved us a bad raining on which came along about that time.

Donald and his father dropped in for dinner and stayed to tea. We were very sorry that none of the girls were here to meet him. He will make a good husband for someone I believe well-to-do and considering that rather good on the side.

Mr. [illegible] from a camp in Maine is here for over night to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] performance.

Pt. Clear +79

JUILLET

27 DIMANCHE. S. Pantaléon 208-157

A lot of rain fell in the morning. We had our Bible classes over in the recreation room. I told the suburb boys the story of Zaccheus and then read them the story of the man with the palsy. In the afternoon we took the youngsters up to Maloney's Beach which has been the traditional Sunday place of rendezvous and swim for a number of years. There were no parents here all day, which was quite a novelty for camp.

I am to have the vesper service again this evening and expect to take up the second of the little series of talks which I have planned. Camp could only be improved by having some time each day when I could devote myself to the little piece of reading which I have set for myself. I have never yet accomplished all I set out to do in the reading line but trying has great value.

Clear +84

JUILLET

28 LUNDI. S. Nazaire 209-156

Classes- wrote out a copy of my sermon and sent it down to Breckinridge?. I hope that he will see his way clear to put it in his paper. I want to begin now to get some things into print. It will serve to keep an edge on my work and always serves as an objective for any piece of work that I may be interested in from time to time. This little series of vesper talks seems to offer a good chance to make something or other out of that which will be worth while.

Sarah's birthday party came off in the evening at supper up the lake. It was a very happy little party with all the masters and some of our nice girls who are there as relatives and guests. I tried to play the part of jester and broke the ice at the party very successfully I believe. The day was a very happy one in many ways due to God's loving provision.

Cloudy 9 A +67

Read a good bit in the Vie de Jeanne d'Arc. Wrote a great many letters for Cousin Charles. The day was quite a success. I have a great many letters to get off on my own account. I have no money coming in of any more and that is always a sign that I have been lax for a long time in my part of the correspondence.

I am a little surprised that I have not had a letter from the Cleveland people but it may not be time enough yet.

For Sunday I have selected Capernaum as the scene of the third of the happy hours in the life of Christ. This is going to give me more trouble than the others have I think. The theme will be more or less the happiness snatched in the heat of life's work and in the face of all the grumblings and opposition which were left around Him.

Somehow there seems to be a thought in the series that will lend itself to a larger treatment some day.

Clear + 74

Arose a few minutes before reveille. Got a dip in the lake. Read my two chapters in the Greek N.T. and got to breakfast. The day was partly devoted to some letters to various people. Went through my address book and wrote one to everyone where it seemed necessary. There are a great many names that ought to be in the address book which are not there. I always forget to get in the correct addresses of people when I am with them, and then awake afterwards to discover that I have no way of reaching them.

Worked on some swimming insignia for the boys. We want to distribute it this evening when the honor lines is to be read. I have a lot of reading to do on my own account which seems to lag behind schedule. I read faithfully day after day but [illegible] yet!!

Clear + 80

JUILLET

31 JEUDI. S. Ignace 212-153

Classes - Wm Eddy came this morning. We spent one night in Base Hospital #45 at Toul last September 23rd. Now we are together again. Wm has already died as a result of the many sicknesses he had which came along as complications of his wound.
There was tea over at Ravenswood across the lake in the afternoon. I have grown a little tired of the social life here at camp. It has boiled down to a series of "cases" now which keeps the masters from their work and gives the girls a mangy interest. I have struggled manfully to read today. I am hoping that the week without studies will give me a chance to catch up a little but my hopes of finishing the several volumes are rapidly dying. But perhaps by some great effort I can pull together. The calls away are mostly legitimate duty engagements because I certainly have not been reading anything else.

Clear +77

AOUT

1 VENDREDI. Ste Sophie 213-152

Classes - took care of a few
parents who were asked to [illegible]
the day. Out on the [illegible]
after supper. Finished
the first writing of the
[illegible] I have set for myself
here at the beginning
of the last half. The
time I shall have left
keeping on much on the
more & very freely
up the work before we
leave. It will be a
inevitable labor more but
one which I very much
hope to be able to do.
There are six volumes
more each rather long
and of rather hard
matter but very much
worth while I believe.
Received a very nice
letter from Mr. [illegible].
I hope he is going to
prove to be a great
friend. I am very
tired of all that I
have seen of him and
of his family.
I was beginning to
look forward now
to the days when we
shall have all our
own time and be as
it were settled for our
short life for God's work.

Clear +67

By a diligent attempt at concentration managed to get over a good many pages of volume two of Joan's life. From Anatole France's account one gathers the impression that Joan was mere a straw blown on the ponds of ecclesiastical affairs and of military [illegible] on the part of the party of Charles. But it may well be that by the rather dramatic manner of her entry on the scene that she stirred the king to think better of his cause. History however is not written by one pen and in any account there appears one dominant note with all the rest made to accord therewith; it is this direction in history which lends it one of its greatest attractions. It makes all the difference in the world who says a certain thing, the personal equation ought always to be taken into account.

The weather has turned colder and exceedingly brilliant, a really perfect day for any good enterprise.

Clear +77

A day of more or less rest. There was a small delegation of parents around which gave the day a little tinge of the workaday world. So many people are very thoughtless and I suppose it never occurred to them that this was Sunday. We live in an age when the Lord's Day is not treated as it once was. In a small measure we who love it have come to a better idea of it and have tried to make it a day of real recreation by a genuine rest of soul and body. I believe there have been a lot of false standards which have been set up. But on the other hand there is a growing and already wide spread lack of thought about the day at all. It is simply not remembered by people as being of old appointed as a day of worship. This is the spirit which is the real danger to the country and to the Day itself. It is a different day withal.

Clear +83

Classes - The fact that the
Marcy boys are out places
upon me a new class
instead of having one less.
This [illegible] [illegible]
which was not especially
exciting [illegible]
Second [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] at [illegible]
days of the [illegible]
[illegible] for myself [illegible]
the summer's [illegible].
Am beginning to [illegible]
toward [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
the great objection that
is before us in [illegible]
by the kingdom [illegible]
[illegible] and the
[illegible]
[illegible] the scale will
keep the days very
full [illegible]
[illegible]
after [illegible]
[illegible] not [illegible].

Clear +84

Did everybody's work for them today and was busy most of the day with classes, exams and sundry other duties. Have not yet started on Conti's [illegible] yet. They are a lovely set of five big volumes of very valuable material but something that will be even harder to digest than Joan of Arc has been. Starting to collect the bits of material which I had noted in passing and find that I have a very fair digest so far. There are about thirty odd passages in the first volume which I ought to copy. The great trick is to be able to get the key valuable contributions which a writer makes. There is a real secondary value gained by the further rereading which has to come with this cleaning process which follows the initial reading.

Mr & Mrs. [illegible] who are guests of their son across the lake came over for tea. He is a minister and has preached in grandfather's church in Delhi.

It looks now like rain as I write this after supper–

Rainy + 79

AOUT

6 MERCREDI. Transf. de N.-S. 218-147

Classes. The day was not very noteworthy. Arose before reveille, did my Bible reading. Copied out the rest of the excerpts from the Life of Joan of Arc. There was quite a little collection of them. Noted some books also. Have found it better to leave slips of paper in the books as I read them and then go back through, go over them and make what notes are needed. Now Joan of Arc is finished completely and whatever use of it may be attended I will have it permanently.

The Bible is now before me and is going to be a very much harder task. There is a vast amount of material [illegible] in the [illegible] pages and it will take a great deal of time to [illegible] them in any adequate way.

There are the sermons to be prepared for next October, then I will have the Sunday evening preaching of the second church. I think now that I will take the preparatory service and [illegible] that [illegible] was at that time.

Pt. Cloudy

Classes - Did a little work on what I hope will be my first series of sermons next October in the evening at Cleveland. They have been the basis of a series of talks that I have given here at the Vesper services. I think that they will lend themselves to greater development and I hope ultimately to put them into the form of a book.

Did not get very much reading done today on account of the various interruptions of the afternoon and evening. Elizabeth and Susan are to leave tomorrow and the other girls will leave before many days. There is not very much left of camp now. A letter from Jim. Jim told of his failure to find anything in the way of a house yet and so we are planning to try to travel for a while. I hope and pray that these details will work themselves out quickly so that we can have a place of our own whither we can go and from whence we can go out to our work for God day by day.

Clear +64

AOUT

8 VENDREDI. Ss Just et P. 220-145

Started on some work for Cousin Charles for his war records of P.M.A. There was a good many people who came in today. The Willes family are unusually nice to parents who vary a good deal. Mrs. Ed. Cameron came with Freeman. Elizabeth left with her little friend. It was quite a loss of them here. Home will be a little more quiet now.

Did not get any writing done before supper. The weather was cool and wonderfully clear. In the evening there was the great beautiful moon slowly climbing up the eastern sky.

Dr. Bishop came out and told the old story of Cadmus and the search for Europa and the founding of Thebes. As he talked under the moon and stars I was greatly impressed that through all these ages these old stories should hold their own through the days. There is still something strangely touching and appealing about them even yet. We are all children.

Clear + 76

Worked on the P.M.A. [illegible] and finished up the thing as far as the material at hand allowed. Saw a good sized fish lying off the landing [illegible] and tried to get it with a crab net or a pole. Got the bait off but it did not get him. Spent with two letters, a little [illegible] and fixing up for a while to see the miniature track meet on the hill.

Only a page or two of reading in Candy's book; but it is really worth while. I am constantly finding books and not a few good things to copy out. In the course of time I will have accumulated quite a mass of material which I hope will come to the front from time to time and turn back some good thing that will help me in my work. No one knows just what it is that will prove to be of value [illegible] a thing when he wants it.

Pt Cloudy + 79

AOUT

10 DIMANCHE. Ste Philomène 222-143

An unusually quiet day for me because Mr. Eddy took the Vesper Service which relieved me of that part of the day's program. Had the Bible Class in the morning as usual and kept the boys for a good while. The day was punctuated by two families of parents, the Tolfs from Schenectady and the Woodcocks from Glens Falls. Both parties were very nice and that is always a great treat for us here at camp who have to entertain them.

In the evening it rained. The days are gliding along and the time is rapidly approaching to go on to the next place. Time moves so rapidly and this diary always admonishes me of its passing. To think that this life of mine thus is unlikely and yet more lived is spread over and thrown on the ledgers of the Lord. And soon with gone — many passing between tiny the years between.

Clear +79

Parents came in larger numbers and classes were abolished so far as I was concerned. Went to call at the MacLeadys in the afternoon. It was a real pleasure to get into even a little good serious conversation. The only trouble with camp is the lack of mental stimulation. I find that Cousin Charles is a rather sad example of a mind that has gone to seed so far as culture of the higher fields of human interest goes. He has a very extraordinary mind and because of all of his early training he still has a great deal of power but I never have heard him talk on his own subjects subjects upon which he put much labor once. He has one aim to make his family happy. I half fear that he will fail in the last analysis and come short because he has made too mean too much material comfort. The family leads a very material existence, but the highest sort of materialism.

Clear +80

AOUT

12 MARDI. Ste Claire, v. 224-141

A very quiet and on the whole satisfactory day. Most everyone was out of camps climbing Marcy, that is, the family and their guests. Cousin Charles was here and we had a very pleasant time indeed of it. Did some reading in Dante and find a great many things of great interest. I have to leave book marks at ever so many places along the way. But I feel the need of having some of salvage from the work I do because either because of weakness or for some other reason, I do not remember in detail so very much of what I read. Names and dates and such like things slip away. I catch the larger ideas, and greater movements and retain them in my memory very well. But details seem to get away from me. I have trouble recalling stories and personal incidents and in my sermons it is an effort to take specific cases and make use of them. The principles of things seem to be the main reality that I most easily see

Clear +78

A usual sort of day. A few parents came along and took time that would have been more pleasantly spent doing something else. Margie Earle came back for tea with Carl Erdman and her sister. Tomorrow Sarah is to go away for her vacation and Cousin Sarah is going to escort her part of the way on her journey. Did not get any reading done in spite of my wish to do so. It seems very hard to get in the time. So much else comes along to interrupt. But these interruptions are part of my job and not to be complained of. I hope and pray that there can be arranged a schedule in our home in Cleveland where I can get in all the studying that I will need to do. It will be very interesting working out some of the ideas that have been cherished for so long and have never had a chance to be put to work & see what they were worth.

Cloudy +

AOUT

14 JEUDI. S. Eusèbe 226-139

A quiet day partly on account of the weather which was threatening and partly on account of my devotion to my book which well repaid my effort. I finished the Precursors of the Reformation in Italy. It proved to be one of the most interesting books I have ever had in my hands. It is written from the Roman point of view but brings out a great many points in their case which have never come to my attention. The error of the Romanists is very fundamentals of the matter. If you are willing to admit the value of tradition as equal to the value of the Bible you have no good reason to stop short of the full Roman proposition. The half-way house of its Anglicanism or of its American cousin is a hard place for a person to stick.

Had a very nice letter from Mrs. Sutphen. She and Doctor have certainly been very cordial to us and we look forward to it greatly.

One glass. Things are about over here and my mind is turning towards the future. I suppose and I truly hope that it will be my privilege to be always looking forward to the last moment of life. After all the most brilliant future dawns for us who are trusting in Christ at the moment when the rest of the world finds all that they have ever had or have known slowly fade from their view.

Somehow as I look forward to this beginning of the life's active work as an equal among other men of the world, I realize that the whole span of time no matter how many years it may measure will only seem like a brief slice of a day's work and then will come the end. A spirit [illegible] the end of life, I believe would go a long way towards making people understand what life means to them. It is not a little [illegible] day of mere pleasure. There must be some purpose for us here

Clear +78

AOUT

16 SAMEDI. S. Roch 228-137

Not very much was accomplished today in the line of my private enterprises. Of reading there was approximately nothing. There were a good many parents in and about camp who took up my time. This being my job I was not at all displeased to devote myself to them as far as I was able.

I managed to catch a little cold by going in the water this morning to teach a boy to swim. I fear he fared better than I did.

Another week has gone and the Cleveland work looms nearer D.V. I have not written out anything yet on my series of sermons because I have a feeling that it might be a better thing to write them amid the scenes where they are to be spoken. I had a good idea of another sermon last night and wrote it down in my book —

Cloudy + 79

A very profitable day on the whole. Judge and Mrs. Hutchinson were here to dinner and for the afternoon. He is a most interesting gentleman and it was a great pleasure to meet him. Read our book of the Bible. Held a Bible Class for the youngsters out here.

It began to rain in the evening at just the time for vespers. We heard that Dr. Ritchie Smith has resigned as homiletics professor at Princeton. That would be a great thing and perhaps it would give us a chance to follow after him. I believe he would make just the man they want but I doubt if he can get elected past Dr. Stevenson. He is looking for a different sort of man. Our top is we hold any by seeing it. It would be great if it could be worked out that way —

Rainy + 78

A very quiet and not overly pleasant day. I should not want to come here every summer. It is delightful in many ways but I find that I have passed the age of the masters and am no longer one of them. Somehow I never was a member of a crowd. The company who used to gather around 111 Little Hall in Princeton came as near to being my crowd as any. These boys here this year are a lot of strangers and I have passed them. The thing to do is to realize all the facts and to be ignorant. But I foresee that I shall probably never have a great many of these sort of friends with whom one can laugh and play together with in a good spirit of companionship. I believe I am not willing to spend the necessary time to [illegible]. I somehow anyway have so many duties. Each day comes with its list of things to be done and any different day is [illegible] to do that light. Perhaps I have not yet struck my stride in life.

Rainy + 70

Gave away fifty pocket
Testaments in the morning
and took the name and
address of each boy to
whom I gave one. I hope
to keep in touch with all
the recipients of Testaments.
I believe it can be the
means for doing a great
work. The Word the word
of my God is [illegible]
gospel is its own most
persuasive preacher
accompanied by God's
Spirit working in
the hearts of the reader.
Perhaps these Testaments
under God will be the
means of bringing my [illegible]
and so many others to
see the beauty that is
in the Salvation which
was proclaimed by
the apostles and completely
speaking for they were
[illegible] by the
Holy Spirit.
Had a letter from
Cousin Charles. Did take
a note [illegible] in
the afternoon [illegible]
some people over in
the [illegible] Corps — Did
not get much reading
done this day —

Clear + 78

AOUT

20 MERCREDI. S. Bernard 232-133

Awoke with the realization that we were soon to leave here. There seems to be a journey to Boston to see the Payne portion of the family. I dread it very much, I wish greatly that we did not have this extra week but could go directly from here to Cleveland and begin to get settled there without all this visiting of our families. Families are a great deal of a bore to young folks who are just starting out. I wish they would just leave us alone long enough to make a home and then we can devote ourselves a little. But just now when we are trying to get ourselves together for our work and need all our time and money it seems to be a hardship to be made to visit relatives. Perhaps some way will work out whereby we can avoid the Boston experience. That is the worst thing that is before us now but I have no idea how it will work out. Some good way will undoubtedly come about as it usually does - So goes life.

Clear + 79

Arose very early to see the cousins off on their trip into New Hampshire. The day was filled pretty full of little details and no time was found to read in. This was probably to be expected because there was no one like Doctor here who automatically relieves one of a good many problems.

Had to be arbitrator in the afternoon of a quarrel between Porky Butler and Solana a Spanish boy here. It finally yielded to a rather arduous treatment much to my delight because it will not leave any legacy for Doctor to settle when he comes back tomorrow or the next day. The time is flying along and I should be delighted to go were it not for the fact that we may have to go on to Boston. I do not feel that we have money enough to afford it. Our expenses will be very heavy in the future and we want to have enough money on hand to be able to pay the fiddler. The price lay the spray. Life is very rich in blessings however.

Clear +82

About noon time the folks came back and we were able to turn over the camp to them in a very large degree of security. It was no little relief to have this matter now off. A feeling on one's shoulders even for so short a time. It was accentuated by the fact that I did not have such a complete knowledge of all the tricks and kinks as would enable me to feel master of the situation.

Lucien finally told us some way or practically that Sarah and Fielden were engaged. It was a great surprise although after his visit here this summer it was not very hard to believe. We give them our great blessing for the Fielden seems to lack a good many things and they are both pleasant and young but the 'i' drive is rather hard to outline and seems to run its own way through life.

Rainy + 79

A very dreary day for the most part. It rained until the afternoon, then it cleared off and late Mr. & Mrs. Shire of Cleveland came over to see us. We were delighted to see them and they renewed our interest in going out to our new home as soon as may be. It will be a great joy to get into our new work. It is the first permanent work of our life. This past year and more has been a strange season which has been interjected into our life by the war. Every generation has not had the experience. It will be part of the tradition which I shall carry through life as a veteran of the German war — after all it was a great thing to have been in it and it will have its influences. The day on the whole was not very full of joy. I did not feel especially well although there was no pronounced trouble with me that I could locate. The time here is short now and I am ready to go on to the next place along life's way.

Clear 183

AOUT

Vendredi

24 ~~DIMANCHE.~~ S. Barthélemy 236-129

[illegible]

Clear + 73

A dip made a good beginning for the day. There were no classes but there was no reading either. We had a big argument about the coming departure from camp. There is the problem of the unhappy relatives who desire to have me. But in Annie MacGregor's condition it seems wise to obviate as much travelling as possible. And yet there is a little time that we really have to spend and it is going to be hard to spend it agreeably between the two camps. I am in favor of getting a few days of real idleness when I can do some reading and settle my mind for the work in Cleveland. We could go right on out but a few days in Buffalo would help along a little bit.

The day has been very beautiful and if I had not been for so many things on my mind, it would have been a happy day with a book, when I could have gone over a good many pages of reading.

So goes life.

Clear +63

AOUT

26 MARDI. S. Zéphirin 238-127

A rather attractive day and somewhat out of the ordinary. The Rev. Mr. Lewis the Epis. rector at Peekskill and his two maiden daughters of many summers came over last evening. All their meals were served at the cottage which made a very cozy place to have to eat. It came off rather cold and the weather now is just what I like. I stopped at the station and staked out a claim on sleeping car accomodations from there to Cleveland and we have them staked out to Boston so we can go either way. The path to Delhi also lies open for us if we care to avail ourselves of it. I do not know what the outcome will be. We seem fated to make our plans at the eleventh hour. This is all well enough if only we get to each destination at the designated time. Sometimes however there is a danger that we miss out on some good thing because we have not made adequate enough preparations. But otherwise we do not have much trouble in going from place to place.

Cloudy +60

Did not feel very well all day. This was the result of having so much to eat during the past few days with the Dip Club [illegible] the chicken that graced the table two meals during the stay of the [illegible]. There is the [illegible] to go on tonight and the afternoon was partly spent fixing up the stage for this.

We are in the throes of deciding when we are to go, where we are to go and what is to be the order of our [illegible]. I trust we can get all this done in good order and without any trouble to our friends and relatives. There are two sets of very [illegible] parents who will have to have the thing explained to them with great detail if by any chance we do not go to see them all. This is the beginning of our life-course when we shall have to choose our own course and go through with it but it is a little hard to launch forth all at once, but it evidently has to be done and the only thing to do is to go to it with [illegible] [illegible].

Ct Clem +61

AOUT

28 JEUDI. S. Augustin 240-125

The last day of camp. Awoke to realize that it was a poor idea staying on at Pike and so decided to go to Boston. We packed up with very little trouble and left for auto for Essex. It was quite a hard thing to leave after all the pleasant days of the long summer which has passed very quickly indeed.

I feel now that we are getting into action. A year ago I was also getting ready to go into action and the prospect was thrilling. This time I am in a greater and a far older campaign, the same in one sense which was being dramatically portrayed in France — we war on the ravages of sin - the war on terror to bring about a peace in the human heart by the mercy and sacrifice of Christ whereby He gave Himself for us and brought us to be His peculiar people chosen unto good works for the glory of His name.

Anne Grace Pieper is looking forward to the prospect of seeing her mother and I hope these few days will be very happy ones for her and for their people. I also hope in seeing them all very much.

Clear + 75

Arrived at Cambridge in good time, found 12 Appian Way and greeted my In-laws affectionately. The Parkers were not arrived and the place was very quiet. Mrs Payne is delightfully located in a very attractive house and I should think she would feel very well pleased at the way she is fixed- indeed she expressed herself so very feelingly- Esther is to have a position in a school in the city which I think is the best thing she could do as it will give her the greatest possible opportunity to really enjoy life and have a home and the care and attention that her mother alone can give her.

Went down town twice to see about tickets and trains and made very satisfactory arrangements for the proposed trip to Cleveland on next Wednesday - The day ended quietly talking around the lamp in the living room - Ann Mac Gregor was feeling pretty well considering her hard trip.

Cloudy + 70

AOUT

30 SAMEDI. S. Gaudens 242-123

Left Boston at eight thirty and rode almost from one town to the next all day long. It was a tedious trip in many ways, but I did some reading in Cantu's long book on the Heretics of Italy, wrote some letters on the Corona typewriter. This I found to be a little conspicuous because the click of the machine created no small interest and friendly comment and observation from my fellow passengers especially on the train from Albany to Oneonta.
Arrived at the latter spot in good order and was met by the folks who were much disappointed at not seeing Anne Marie Jaeger. The dear child has ever won the affection of my folks so that they are willing to endure me but long for her. Well I am glad indeed that such is the case for it might easily be far different and then where would we be -
Cherry Hill has been added to by the purchase of the adjoining property on the south.

Clear +78

AOUT

31 DIMANCHE. Ste Florentine 243-122

Went to church at Second Presbyterian where Father preached a very good sermon on "yearning witnesses". The room was filled with people from all the churches thus showing that they are anxious to hear a good thing when it is offered them.

The day was spent on the hill at home. Father went up to Mendale for a service in the evening. Aunt Fay came down for supper. It seems good to be here again for a brief time. The place here is very attractive and guarded by [illegible] perfectly fine if we [illegible] [illegible] bring here all the stuff they have in Philadelphia.

They are considering moving here and in a good many ways it would be an advantageous thing to do. There are some things about it, however, that naturally make one hesitate. It is not a very flourishing place and the people are far below the average in good sense and business ability..

Rainy +70

SEPTEMBRE

1 LUNDI. S. Gilles, abbé 244-121

Spent a good part of the morning at Grandfather's with Father. The afternoon was spent on the hill for the most part. Had supper at the hotel. Read a little in the Heretics. It makes pretty hard reading, but is very well worth the time because it is opening up a great field of new ideas about the Reformation which had never come before me before now. The Lutheran movement was not altogether a fundamental break with the Roman church as then constituted. It was not built upon a different principle the way the Calvinistic movement was. One was an objection to the excesses of Romanism, the other to Romanism itself. One revolted from the pope, the other attacked the pope as a tool. Luther parted unwillingly from the Roman fold, but kept on with his personal convictions. Calvin championed a system that was greater than he was and only survives because of the power of the truth that he organized into a reasonable system for mental digestion.

Rainy + 70

SEPTEMBRE

2 MARDI. S. Antonin. m. 245-120

Pressed a suit of clothes. Sat about the house and made a couple of excursions to town. Here in my old haunts I find some of the same old things come back to me like ghosts of a departed past. It is a strange thing and I have often wondered if this thorn in the flesh is something that troubles others as it does me. There has never been given me an opportunity to discover.

We are a strange mass of diverse thoughts, feelings, wishes and intents, all of which goes to make one think that it is a fact that we are to a large degree passive harps upon which the winds of heaven play their varied melodies. The older idea of demon possession is so fond a thought we still cherish a faith in the supernatural character in the cunning; why is it unreasonable to still assign the same cause as of yore.

Rainy +69

SEPTEMBRE

3 MERCREDI S. Grégoire 246-119

Spent the forenoon doing one or two small things and seeing and saying good bye to several. The Folks took me over to Oneonta in an auto for the 3.55 p.m. train. They were sorry to see me go. I was sorry to leave but only in one way because I am very anxious to get to work in Cleveland and begin that for which I have trained and that for which I believe God has called me.

In Albany I called up the Camerons and passed a very pleasant evening with them. We rode about in their car for a while and talked at the house.

Went to the station and met the train which had Anne MacGregor on board it. She was there, safe and well and on the look out for me. Thus ended the day, a very happy way - safe back to Anne MacGregor.

We are launched now at our course and are going to take up the work. We have talked, and prepared and prayed and now we work.

Clear +70

Rode until noon on the train when we arrived safely at Cleveland and were met by Doctor and Mrs. Sutphen. They carried us to their home and we are very delightfully fixed now in a good place and they are anxious to have us stay until we can find some permanent place.

In the afternoon Doctor and I rode all over town looking for houses and did not have any great success. The selection was limited by a dearth of places and there is the question of [illegible] to them which implies a problem.

The Sutphens are perfectly lovely and have certainly made our arrival a very happy beginning of our first task. I believe with God's blessing it is going to be a very good place to work all the way through — There is a great deal that is very encouraging and there is plenty of [illegible] to be done for the church [illegible] has some great problems-

Clear + 71

SEPTEMBRE

5 VENDREDI. S. Victorin 248-117

Went down to the church and unpacked a few books. The church study there appeals to me very strongly and I hope that it can be arranged that it falls to me as a work room. I believe church activities ought to center in the church and one good way to keep people informed of the existence of the church is to have some one there much of the time.

Had luncheon with Mrs. Prentiss in her very unusually splendid home. Went over her gardens afterwards. Looked for a place to live but without any success. It is a great problem here and there does not seem to be any solution in sight. Nobody has anything in sight and the few traces one gets of a place prove to be well worn and worn-out trails when we get to them.

Mr. Collins and some of the Intepher family came in in the evening and we talked over some of the business before us for the winter.

Clear +83

SEPTEMBRE

6 SAMEDI. S. Eugène 249-116

Went around to see some of the houses - found one which was fine but too expensive - one that was about our means but dreadful and we passed it by - ultimately took a rather too expensive place as a kind of a port in a storm because it was becoming very necessary that we find a place where we could go and relieve the Sutphins of us - they have been perfectly lovely but it cannot but be a great burden to them and I will be able to do a great deal of work once I get away from here and we have our time to ourselves - the place we chose may be able to be changed to one less expensive and I hope very much that it can be, but it seemed like the only thing to do at the time to relieve the whole situation and will give us a place at least for the time being. I hope and pray that we can find just the place that suits our means before a day or two more. Jim is not feeling right and

Clear + 85

Heard a good sermon by Dr. Sutphen. Stopped at the Cranden and took a room and gave up the suite we had at the Griswold. Item $ 10.00 left behind to bind the bargain. This is for experience, for we figured out later that this place for altogether too high for us. The Cranden has a great lacking of many things but we believe that we can survive here and be very comfortable with a very material peace of mind.

In the afternoon we went out to Gates Mills to the little cottage of the Footes. They are very nice young people. All the people and the things here in Cleveland seem to point to a very happy and useful service on our part among this people. There is a great deal to be done but there seem to spring a dozen suggestions to my mind for every contingency and I believe that I can be able to contribute some useful part to the good of the Kingdom here in this part of the vineyard. I feel very sure of my Saviour's help and the power of God behind us here in our endeavors. —

Pt. Rainy - +90

A rather full day, beginning with a journey to see some houses and ending with our coming down to take up our abode at the Crordon, as we had arranged to do. It is not an overly prepossessing place in some ways but we found it better on each successive thought. It is well within our means and we hope will make a very satisfactory home for the present. We regret that there is no manse nor assistant manse on this job.

Dr. Sutphen asked me to preach for him on Sunday which made me realize that this was destined to be a busy week after all, with the S.S. beginning next Sunday and a sermon to prepare - All this business has been so objective to me hitherto and I have looked at it all from such a detached point of view that it is very hard to realize that we are really in the swim at last and driving our own car in life. Well, it will only be God's loving care that will bring us through to the end without any mishaps - .

Pt Clear + 80

A much better day. Arose a little later than had intended but still early enough for the day. Went to the Church and stayed there working until late in the afternoon. Made one trip out to see a house on Kee-mar Park off 101 street but did not like it very much. Worked on the sermon. Seems to be living up to the sermon "Why this waste?" It is a plea for the worshipful side of religion. I have used the general points before but only once in a sermon and that was over in France. The thing has possibilities. I hope and pray that I may be able to become a preacher. It is a thing that I have never done enough of to be able to tell dispassionately whether my success was great or not.

This winter DV will be a very great time for us. I pray that we can keep down work, tried most to gradually drill myself down to a perfect regularity with no lost moments and no lost motions. It is the problem of every rel. to make every minute count a full fresh seconds of work done

Pt. Lin. + 10

Reached the church by eight and wrote steadily on sermon after reading my Greek passage of two chapters. Finished the sermon and corrected the MS. Came home to lunch and then went down town and tried to pick out the kind of S.S. lessons we are to have for the year. Favored the old uniform type [illegible] taking. Seemed to [illegible] latitude in the organization of the school and permits the greatest freedom in accommodating to the needs of the teachers & pupils. It encourages home study in so far as any system will encourage it by itself.

[illegible] tried to pick out our first [illegible] a little [illegible] in the [illegible]. We are the [illegible] and [illegible] little [illegible] are thoroughly [illegible] century.

Everything is very hopeful. [illegible] sermon for [illegible].

Clear + 75

Reached church about seven thirty. Read Greek and worked on my sermon but was called away to look at houses and took the one we looked at the other day on Stillman Road. It is a beauty, the lower half of the house is just being finished and has a separate and all the appointments of a modern house.

Tried to call in the afternoon but found none out of five at home and so gave it up. Need to have the latest roll of members and their places of residence.

We are very happy to be so nicely settled after such a very short time here. It is a great source of satisfaction to be happily located as it means ever so much to us and to our dear ones.

Home and try to get the sermon together in good shape for Sunday. It is in good shape on paper but I have not yet acquired the faculty of remembering the exact way I have a thing worded and the result is that I have some trouble memorizing it when it is written out.

Clear +67

Reached study betimes and did a good morning's work. Signed up for our house, and as ever with human things found that there was one draw back to the golden anticipation of this place - no gas stove because the extension has not been run along the street. I was greatly discouraged because Anne MacGregor said it would be very hard to use anything else-

Went to dinner at the Crays who live next door to the Sutphens. Had a very delightful time there.

On the whole the outlook is pleasant for us. The house is very attractive although without the gas it will be somewhat harder to cook in than would otherwise be the case. But we have very few trials compared with many other people. God has been wonderfully good to us in ever so many ways. Here we are well settled and only a few days have been devoted to the search. I am eager to get well into the work and am glad that we are to study the uniform lessons in the Sunday school. I wonder how much can be made of that institution.

Clear + 60

SEPTEMBRE

13 SAMEDI S. Aimé 256-109

The morning was rather cool and brisk and there was a good fire in the church. I went over my sermon for tomorrow and worked up some things for the Sunday School session. That will be a thing that will take a good deal of work. All of the problems are very interesting to me. On the seats there is one home to get settled. I find a very great sense of comfort and joy in coming here to my own place. Everything so far has been perfectly delightful. Everybody has been lovely and all the fields of work have opened up in a very fine way.

It seems a little hard to realize that this is life. The church in a way does not seem to be my own job. I feel the work but the presence of Sailor Intyther rather lends to the naturally feeling that it is like my Father's church. There seems to be a very great promise here for the future.

It is a very happy place on the whole and we often reflect how marvellous has been the goodness of God to us here on earth. Life is a very great blessing as the child of God —

Clear +65

SEPTEMBRE

14 DIMANCHE. Ex. Ste Croix 257-108

Reached church by eight o'clock and went over my sermon. Conducted Sunday School. It was not very much of an affair either. But we do not expect much in the way of a beginning. That is no disgrace. The fault will be if it continues to be small. I preached at the morning service on Mk 14-5 and it seemed to go off very well. It was a great pleasure to do it and Dr. Sutphen was very kind to ask me.

We went for dinner to the home of Dr. Sutphen's son and had a very nice time. Back in our small apartment we slept and had supper. The plan now seems to be to go tomorrow up to stay in the temporarily vacant flat belonging to Dr. and Mrs. Farnsworth. This will be near to our new house and will enable Anne MacGregor to go back and forth to the house and be interested in what is going on there relative to our getting into the place in the near future.

The day has been a blessing and we come to the end of it with a great deal of joy and thankfulness. Life is very good with God to bless.

Clear + 75

SEPTEMBRE

15 LUNDI. S. Achard 258-107

Got to work by eight. Did a lot of odds and ends of jobs. Waited for Dr. Sutphen in [illegible] but he did not come - wrote him some items. Called on three elderly ladies - Picked them out yesterday from the pulpit and looked them up on the map of seats today. Am beginning to get a line on the congregation and will improve rapidly I hope. One lady was blind and it pleased her to have me come so quickly.

Anne MacGregor has a cold and that makes the day a poor one because she is the life of things. We are soon to be getting into our own little house before so very many days now and what a joy it will be to come home to my own house & her my own wife in the evening after calling about among the people. Calling is intensely interesting but hard for me to get up and begin to do. I dread to begin in the afternoon and then at the end I am full of enthusiasm with the results of having seen some of the people. That is an important part of the work indeed -

Clear + 77

Awoke much more normal than last night when I looked externally like a fine case small-pox. Went to see doctor who found nothing the matter with me. With this reassurance I went off to my first meeting of the Cleveland presbytery with Dr. Sutphen. Saw my predecessor but did not have the opportunity to meet him. Perhaps it was not altogether my fault. The meeting was not very full of interest for me. The Philadelphia presbytery was so much more of an organization to watch and I doubt if I ever develope very much of a delight in the small change of public life as carried on in the ecclesiastical circles of our church. I sometimes feel that all that business is not in the Bible scheme of church government. It is hard to discount some of the great goods coming from concerted effort but the old small group method was never given a fair trial after the apostles left it to work by itself-

Clear + 79

SEPTEMBRE

17 MERCREDI. Quatre-Temps 260-105

Did a good piece of work on a sermon for Oct 5th. Went down town on some errands and made some calls on people but found them out.
We had the Sunday School teachers down at the church for supper and for a meeting afterwards. It made a very helpful occasion and interested one or two new comers in the proposition we hope.
The Pynes were on hand back from Lake Placid.
The prayer meeting was the preparatory service for next Sunday which is to be communion.
Dr. J. Ritchie Smith was present and after the meeting Dr. Sutphen and I went up to our Dr. Smith's to see him. He was the same old stick that he was at the seminary. I do not see how he gets along with people, he is so much stuck in the mud. He believes he is such a wonderful preacher that he can do nothing else.

Clear + 70

Arose almost an hour later
than usual because of
the sleeplessness of the previous
last night and because
of a nasty trip which is
going to make a few
days unpleasant for
me from night to [illegible].
But went to work and
was able to get quite a
piece of subtle work
done. I wrote on sermons
and got some more of
October off the [illegible].
No one is entirely finished
yet, but three are
begun, and the first
is finished but the page
[illegible] to the actual
raw material and the
second has more than
half of it written and
there is just a sketch
of the third which came
in a moment of inspiration.
I'm trying [illegible] sermons
[illegible] style, [illegible] three
[illegible] ways at a time and
it is a unique experience
for me. Felt badly all day
and came home about
four ~~day~~ in the afternoon.
The day was just a
fair sample of them.

Rainy + 75

SEPTEMBRE

19 VENDREDI. S. Cyprien 262-103

Went to work early and did a good deal. Had to come home at noon and entertain the Parkers and their perfectly atrocious children. They were certainly the worst behaved pair I have seen in many a day. The day was rainy and the whole bunch of us were cooped up in this all to small an apartment.

Have had a headache all day and the work has been somewhat of a trial. Hope that we can get ourselves together and get into the stride of the work.

The calling is a thing that I must get used to in the schedule. It is a thing that I dislike on principle but when I I always enjoy it when I get to doing it. It will become considerably easier as I learn who the different people are.

These cousins have jarred my idea of a family a good deal. The children are a nuisance like that I don't want to marry.

Clear + 82

Arose betimes, took a cold shower and felt very much better for doing it. Got to work about eight, wrote on the sermons until eleven when I had to go down town on some errands.

Called in afternoon on a lady on the West Side but was not able to see her as she was resting. I was just as well pleased in this case for she was reported to me as one of the hard propositions of the church and my going was a matter of Christian diplomacy. There is much of that in my particular line of work.

Our new place seems more and more attractive all the while. We shall no doubt have to have a coal stove but to my mind that will be rather an advantage for it will serve several other useful purposes besides that of cooking the meals. It always makes a fine place to go in the morning to get warm and with our house it will almost warm the whole of it —

Pt. Rainy + 85

SEPTEMBRE

21 DIMANCHE. S. Mathieu 264-101

Arose somewhat later and got to church a little after nine, conducted the Bible School and attended the communion service which Dr. Sutphen conducted. I was much impressed by the differences in it from my own Father's way of doing things. There were both unfavorable and favorable comparisons. It is very strange and a commentary upon the eternalness of the Gospel and its perfectly unconquerable power over all the ideas of men.

Had dinner with the Sutphens and went to see the pictures done by Sir Wm Orpen that are hanging in the art gallery here. They are very fine, especially the portraits he did of the different British generals, and the one of Marshall Foch which is really a very splendid thing. The Britishers were fine too with their ribbons and general look of well being which all of them had that I saw.

Anne MacGregor has been having a cold for a week which has been a bad thing.

Cloudy + 70

Reached the church in good time and had a morning of very satisfactory work. Have done two sermons one half a 3rd and 1/4 a 4th which makes a good grist to date. Read a bit in a book on Postmillennarianism by one D. Snowden of Western Theological Seminary. He is presenting his case very well but I think he cannot but lay himself open to the charge of the pre-mills that after all he is rather liberal. The fact of the business is that the pre-mills invoke a kind of orthodoxy test &c. i.e. if you are not with them they imprecate you as being a modern and out of sympathy with a great deal that is in the Bible which I suspect is true of a great many more of those who are post-mills.

Made some calls in the afternoon, one on a very interesting Armenian family who gave me some Turkish coffee which helped the afternoon along very much indeed. Anne Macgregor has had a bad cough now for some days and we want to clear it up soon.

Clear + 65

SEPTEMBRE

23 MARDI. Ste Thècle 266-99

Did some good work at church until one of the famous bores of the minister's life. She came along and stayed so long that I did not dare ~~not~~ look at my watch to see how long she had stayed. But as it is all part of the game I was glad to make my small contribution to the cause.

In the afternoon I had to go up to the tail end of a missionary meeting that was being held at St Stephens. I was not thrilled at the idea of going to this female affair but Dr. S was there and I saw again the value of having two ministers in the same. They can sort of buttress up each other on such difficult occasions as these when the normal man hates as much as anything. But it seems to be a part of the job which, after all is not a very frequent session.

Had a conference with Dr. S and he appeared to be fully pleased with what I have in mind. Had a very pleasant time and they brought me down home to ... dear little ... one of the ... [illegible]

Clear +70

Worked on sermon and the rest until 12 m. Have made very good progress in Swanson's book on the Pennsylvanians. If anyone ever feels that they have the better of the argument one ought to read this book first. It certainly leaves them not much in the way of a safety zone on which to stand while the traffic passes. The result is a psychological curiosity and for the most part a liability to the cause of Christ. Their great errors to my mind are their denial of the place of the Evangelism and their depreciation of the Holy Spirit as a power in the world.

Called on [illegible] in the afternoon and accomplished quite a lot of useful work in securing some stationary and other items that are needed for the [illegible] of the work at church.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] which will begin as soon as [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Clear +63

SEPTEMBRE

25 JEUDI. S. Firmin, év. 268-97

Started in to learn a sermon and wrote a bit, then read a bit in the anti-pre-mil book. Have about come to the end of it which shows how much can be accomplished by keeping a few asides in hand for a little portion of each day. Called in the afternoon in the heights. Find the days not long enough to do the things I would like to do but can only keep at it and get as much done as can be. Expect the automobile to prove a great saver of time and of energy too, and even then I will have all the exercise I need walking and doing the various little things that come along.

Hope to gradually get into a system whereby I can keep all the various things going to do properly at one time on schedule time. I believe most of our problems will yield to hard work and I am very anxious to get the people on the Heights to come to church. They are for the most part worldly minded but not in a very deeply practical way. I think that they can be brought under the right kind of influences

Clear +60

Went up to the house and waited in vain for a colored woman to come to clean. Went down town and did an errand, came back to church and only had time to do a few things then came back to the house and had lunch and went out to the farm with the Ainsworths. Went in swimming and had dinner. Dr & Mrs. Sutphen the young Sutphens, a friend Miss Rees from Newark and James Garfield and his wife. It was a very pleasant evening and we had a cold ride home which was not at all pleasant. I hope our own things come along before long so we can get settled in our own home. Then with the automobile to go around among the people we can settle down and begin to do the work that will lie before me. It is all very interesting and I am enjoying it every bit. I have not yet gotten things thoroughly in hand yet, but there is a good beginning been made –

Clear +68

SEPTEMBRE

27 SAMEDI. Ss Côme et D. 270-95

Saw three topics which look very interesting for some of the Sunday evenings in November. They are Pilate, the Rich Young Ruler and Judas, three men who rejected Christ. Such topics will afford a rather good field for the study of their characters and the same character as it appears today.
Left the church at noon and came home. We went up to see our own house in the afternoon. Read over two of my sermons to Anne MacGregor but they did not seem to sound very well. I cannot quite see what is the matter with them. The lot is cast and the series must go off now. Perhaps it was unfortunate to have begun with a series like this, individual topics might perhaps done better at the start. But it may be that all serials do not look very well when they are done. The subjects do not lend themselves to an extensive treatment and the result is they necessarily lose some material in each sermon, which does not altogether appertain to the subject

Clear +75

Went down to church and tinkered with the sermon for next Sunday. Conducted Sunday School and it seemed to go off very well. We are calling next Sunday Rally Day and are going to begin the regular study period at that time. I hope that we can get the Christmas ready for next Sunday.

That is the time when the evening services are to start also. That is one of the problems here as well as every-where else.

Had dinner at the L.C. Collins and it was a very pleasant occasion. They are a very delightful family and seem to be a fine example of a Christian home where there has been training and discipline and love displayed by parents who were Christian by training and by inheritance. There is a tremendous amount of work to be done here in the church if it is to accomplish all it ought to do but the real genuine gains are only made by the winning of individuals to Christ. (They do the most in the world)

Clear + 80

Rewrote a part of the first of my sermons of the Catechism. I have decided that the best thing now is not to keep too many going at once but to camp on these one by one and prepare them for their Sundays as the need comes. It is all well enough to have the future in mind and to be planning and working on the far off weeks. I have now three subjects which appeal to me as being very well worth working up for some of the evenings in Immanuel. I expect to enjoy this part of the work very much when I get it duly worked down to a system.

Called in the afternoon but not with any great success. I shall have to regulate my calling rather carefully because there seem to be only certain times when people are at home. I rather believe the evening will be one of the times when it will prove to be best to call. With the car it will be easy to get around a little more quickly and to arrive in a good deal better shape than when one has to walk.

Rainy + 60

Went over the sermon and found that parts of it have percolated into my head. Went down town and saw Mr. McClure about the cloister for the S. School. Came back to the church in the afternoon and worked on the card file of the parish. It is a long and rather slow process but as it gets into shape it becomes a very useful institution.

We are still waiting to hear from our goods. I ordered some coal and we have hopes of getting settled now before long into the routine of our work.

I am getting very anxious to have a little billet doux from the treasurer of the church. That is getting to be a very much needed asset. I am pretty close to nothing at all but a few investments which are no company paid. We shall have to get our finances ordered in long also. We have a record of the passing events but that is all. We want a ledger with the various items grouped as to functions.

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25	S	s Crépin	25	M	se Cathe.	25	J	**Noël**
26	D	s Rustiq.	26	M	s Lin	26	V	s Etienne
27	L	s Frum.	27	J	s Vital	27	S	s Jean
28	M	s Simon	28	V	s Sosthè.	28	D	ss Innoc.
29	M	s Narcis.	29	S	s Saturn.	29	L	s Thoma.
30	J	s Quent.	30	D	Avent	30	M	s Sabin
31	V	s Marcel				31	M	s Sylves.

AGENDA

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OCTOBRE

1 MERCREDI. S. Rémy, év. 274-91

Did the usual round of work. In the evening we had the second of our Bible School teachers suppers and a meeting thereafter. It went off very well and all expressed themselves as being very well pleased with it.

Prayer meeting was a little better partly because there were more there on account of the supper and Dr. S. had a very good topic. He can do a great many things very well. The trouble with him so far as it is a deficiency seems to be his tendency to be above the heads of the people. The result has been that to a degree he has trained his people to like what he gives them and he has doubtless also more or less culled out his crowd, not by intention but by the nature of the fact that people tie up to the individual whom they happen to like and find themselves drifting away from the one whom they do not find congenial to their ideas. A preacher draws his own kind of people about him in a city where there are plenty to draw from -

Clear +80

Went over the sermon two times with good degree of freedom. Read about half of the Prologue of John with Meyer. The Ladies Council met in the church and voted me a telephone, desk and some verbal appreciation expressed informally which was very nice of them.

Went down town for lunch and called on some of the many members of the parish at their places of business. This proved to be a very happy way of seeing them.

Called on old Mr. Sterling but was not able to see him due to his poor health.

Went to call on the Popes in the evening but found them not at home. Had quite a time finding my way back to the house.

Wish much that our furniture would come along so we can get into our house and get ourselves settled for the season. The weather is perfectly fine and I have high hopes under God for a success here in this work.

Clear +85

OCTOBRE

3 VENDREDI. S. Trophime 276-89

Went over the sermon twice – Read Meyer on John and went to the end of the Prologue – Not very much of Greek text but a very great piece of human literature when you come to think of it – Worked over a little more of the last sermon of the series, read a bit about the Sunday School lesson and looked over the current issue of the Presbyterian.

Came out to the house for lunch and made some calls in the afternoon. It was a long walk over the hill around here looking for the houses of the people. But I made several and feel rather well repaid for the walk. With the car it will not be such a strain on the legs to make a great many more calls which will leave me fresh for the evening and whatever there is to be done then.

Have figured out a good rule namely not to call on people except when they are most likely to be at home namely the evening. [illegible] observation I believe this will be a good rule to follow –

Clear +87

We are having a rather unusual spell of hot weather for this part of the year. I recall that a year ago I was just afront at Paris again after having been ill in the hospital. This is the last quarter of another year. I did not know whether I would be here in the land of the living a year from last fall or not. The time has slipped along and here we stand in the midst of another field of labor with other surroundings and yet with God still caring for us as He always has been during all the time past.

Keeping a diary calls back to our mind in a very striking way the passing of time. Here I have been writing day after day for more than three thousand days. That is a long time. A great deal has happened in this time. We are now in the midst of pressing times.

I am anxious that now I may be able to hold myself to my habit of diary which will tell the story of my usefulness at the end of twenty five years!

Rainy +81

OCTOBRE

5 DIMANCHE S. Placide 278-87

Bible School went off rather well today. There was a reported attendance of 184 which is pretty fair. It amounted to an increase of some 45 over and above the number out on last Sunday. Now the evening services are to begin this evening. They have not been very largely attended for some while past and I am a bit interested in how large a success they will meet with now under my direction. But I have this confidence, that I do earnestly desire to preach the Gospel of Christ and to have men see the glory and mercy that are in it. But I believe many a man who feels this too preaches to small audiences and goes through an arduous life with not any very great results to show for his vast labor. But I do also believe that a generous amount of just plain hard work will do a lot towards bringing the sheaves into the storehouse -

Clear +68

OCTOBRE

Went to the study and began on the next sermon. The day was broken into by the arrival of our household goods from Philadelphia. The afternoon was devoted to unpacking the things, and for days [illegible] I expect that we will be rather busy. But once the things are arranged there will be more of a regularity about our house and we can begin to plan [illegible] things. It seems good to have the things [illegible] little [illegible] [illegible] here.

Clear +67

OCTOBRE

7 MARDI. Ste Foi 280-85

Went up to our house at #2180 Stillman Road about eight o'clock and worked there steadily until supper time, unpacking some thirteen barrels and a couple of big boxes. All that stuff I had to be sorted and distributed about the house. It made a rather full day, but one which was very productive, because we had our meals cooked on the little electric stove and have a place to sleep here tonight.

We are in our own home now at last and it comes up to our dreams. It is a brand new house or rather the lower half of a two-family house. It is conveniently arranged. Our furniture looks well and comes near to filling the place up. We only need a few more things, notably a set of chairs for the dining room and a rug or two. And so it goes. I ran across Anna MacGregor's first letter to me. She was worth fanfaring over it. She is the best part of life

Clear +67

Went back to the church in the morning as usual and spent a very profitable time learning my sermon. I found that even this second week the sermon slipped into my memory more easily. I believe that before long it will not be a very arduous matter for me to learn to say the matter and then I can devote more of my time to perfecting some of the parts or in learning just how certain parts are to be said. That all comes in its proper place. There is a womans missionary convention going on with the result that there are several of the ladies about the church.

Went down in the evening and heard Dr. Coan of Urumpha Persia tell about the Turkish massacres that have been going on there for the last fifty years with no check from the world of Christian nations. It seems hard to believe that such can be true.

Rainy + 71

OCTOBRE

9 JEUDI. S. Denis, év. 282-83

Owing to the necessity for getting one errand in particular done before eleven o'clock went to town directly this morning and did my shopping before I went to the study. It is a custom that is all wrong but in this case it does not work out so badly.

The end of the conference was this morning. The ladies gave me a fine lunch and I had a chance to talk to two or three of them about the church. That I believe is one of the great things to try to attain to, namely to draw the people around you on all sorts of occasions so that there comes the opportunity for discussion and for instruction and the chance to mould the opinions of them little by little. That is my hope in connection with the work this winter to draw the people to the church on all sorts of pretexts and make the church more and more a part of their life and a call upon their interests. In this way we can make them better people —

Rainy + 74

Was taken in by a passing automobile and taken down town in very rapid time which made me figure that with my own car I ought to be able to get from the house to work in about twenty minutes. This will mean a great saving of time. It is perfectly wonderful how little by little things gradually perfect themselves. All the while we work away trying to do the tasks with the means we have, not sitting down wishing for something else, and then we see one by one the various things come to us that all help us to make more out of our time.

Had lunch at the Athletic Club with Howard Dingle and Hunter Hackett and Mr. Stanton who is to have charge of the gymnasium work among the boys this winter at the church, a minor but important work in its way.

Rainy + 70

OCTOBRE

11 SAMEDI. S. Julien 284-81

Went over the sermon twice and had two gentlemen in to see me for a few moments. Did not do much else. Had an errand to do down town and came home for lunch. The afternoon was spent working in the house. There was a load of stuff remaining at the Farnsworth's apartment and some friends to be done at the stores near there. A ton of stove coal had to be shifted by me into a box and two barrels. There was the pressing of the suit to wear on the morrow, for as yet I cannot afford to buy a new winter suit, not until some of the fixed bills gets paid off and we begin to see the surrounding hill tops above the waves.
But the house is perfectly delightful in every way and we are very happy in it. Little by little we are getting things arranged to run smoothly.

Clear + 65

Went to Bible School and had a very satisfactory session. The number was a bit larger and there was a zeal enthusiasm in the air. The evening service was, on the contrary most discouraging. There were only a tiny [illegible] there and it was quite disappointing. Stopped in at the Collins after service and was not a little refreshed by the cheer of that lovely household. They are a wonderful example of a christian home with all the delights that naturally belong to it. Came home to find the best of all there in the shape of [illegible] who was at home all day because there was no auto [illegible] to take her down to church. We are patiently waiting for our car to come at which time it is going to become a hundred fold easier to get around among the people and call of them as I want very much to do.

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OCTOBRE

13 LUNDI. S. Géraud 286-79

Went to work, looked over the sermon for next week. Called up Chas. [illegible] and had a talk with him about the prospects of the evening services. He is a very frank young man and told me a lot of things. He feels as I do that there is a crying need for [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with fervor and [illegible] agrees with me that such a thing will awaken a new life among the dry bones of this parish.

Rocky Sutphen came in for our weekly conference in the afternoon and we got quite a little valuable information with regard to the young people's work. We hope to start that up the coming Sunday and try to make it the means of bringing together the young [illegible] of the church [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the work of the Lord in this section of the vineyard of the Lord.

Cloudy +70

Went to work and began to learn the next sermon. There seems to be still a lack about my preaching. I ought to find more time to study the art a bit. I have never really learned anything about preaching as an art and am not considering enough studying to make my sermons increasingly enjoyable and full though as nourishment to fill the wants of people who come hungering for some of the treasures. I want to begin expository preaching because after all that is what I have to give, except knowledge of what is in the Bible that men can take up and use in their daily lives.

Agreed to speak at a Student gathering of the local University on Friday evening. This will make a good way to become acquainted with some of the people connected with that institution. We want to get in touch with them as much as we can.

Clear +67

The day went moderately well. Worked on the sermon, and find myself extemporizing a bit as I go along in the taking of the text that I have written. I wonder if this is going to make for a greater freedom or for worse failure in getting the thing across on Sunday. This preaching business is a thing which will take more and more time. But I have so many other things tied up in the business of keeping up the various things going along and laying plans for the extension of the work of the church that it seems very hard to give all the ground that I have before me.

I am pinning my hopes on the automobile when it comes. By freeing me from the weariness of walking I can thereby save a vast amount of energy and a large amount of time, and this will leave me fresher to attack the problems that come along.

As time goes on the things will iron themselves out and take less and less time. Things are settling, little pieces of things are partly run alone —

Rainy + 67

OCTOBRE

16 JEUDI. S. Bertrand 289-76

Went over the sermon and as soon as I got to my reading a man came in to tell me his troubles and then it was time to go down town where I had lunch with Mr. Collins. I am indeed very much delighted with him and with his family which is in many ways an ideal Christian family.

Made some calls in the afternoon and came home to busy myself with some of the duties of a house-holder. The fire in the furnace began to be made. We have a very effective steam heater and it is not evidently going to take a great amount of coal to do the trick for us. There are a great many things to be done at the whole and it keeps one at it all the time to keep even with the things that are coming at last and happy.

Clear +60

OCTOBRE

17 VENDREDI. S. Gauderic 290-75

A cold morning and we found the furnace doing its duty which was its fire. Worked at the church but came home at noon and helped about the house for a bit painting the old black desk that I used in Princeton.

Made a call and went to a rally of the Western Theological college boys. Spoke shortly to them. A very different crowd in many ways from my own college mates, but in some ways they are all alike. Spoke about the power of the spirit and about Christ and His cause as the great supporting force. Gave two great reasons for expressing it, its foundation in God and its outlook on our fellow man. Did not know fully what I was saying but had planned it at that lunch and found that my mind followed along fairly well on the track. Speaking has a great fascination for me for it is such an art. I am searching for any help I can find. Every idea is a help and I need a good many.

Clear + 60

Arose rather later than
is our wont and did not
leave the house all day.
Cleaned out the rooms
of dust beat the
rugs over the line in
the back yard, and
put it down again
in the living room
we rearranged the order
of the furniture and
found that it made
a great improvement
in the appearance of
the room.
Worked all the rest
of the day unpacking
my books, separating
out those that are to
go down to the church
and placing the rest
on our shelves. We
have room enough
for them, and there
will be a goodly
number down with
me at the church. There
I hope to devote myself
to Bible study and
there I want to gather
about me all that
I need for that and
for sermon writing. The
general culture
subjects are to be
handled at home
in my study here

Clear + 61

OCTOBRE

19 DIMANCHE. S. Pierre d'A. 292-73

Sunday School was the best so far. We had 201 there which was the mark that we set for ourselves. The different departments seem able to be coming along in a very good way.

The afternoon was spent very quietly at home reading the Bible and walking out for a bit in the sunshine. The day was beautiful with all the colored the trees and leaves were [illegible] close amid the cloud effects of the sunset.

The evening service was very poorly attended as is the case in general here, but I see no good reason why it should continue to be so and I am anxious that something shall be done to alter the custom for these parts. The past has a very great power over the present generation, especially as regards their bad traditions about slim attendance of the various services of the day.

Clear +62

Went down to the study
and regarded the manner of
fixing up our [illegible]
Sunday & slipping in
the final charge. at
least I hope it will
prove to be satisfactory
as I put into it. I am
beginning to feel a
confidence in myself
and the sermon is
coming here and may
be an expression of
myself and as such
so it appears so I
am able to say it
with a greater sense
of freedom and so
with a greater effect
I am going to believe.
Went shopping with
Anna Jean [illegible] for
some [illegible] in
and at the town
and made a couple
of calls. The problem
of the young people
weighs upon me
this week and I
am rather at a loss
to know just how
I must [illegible] across
the next Sunday
which thing I
want very much
to do if I can
[illegible]

Rainy + 60

OCTOBRE

21 MARDI. Ste Ursule 294-71

Worked persistently all day, first on the sermon which had to be done over in parts, then I did some reading in John's Gospel and a bit of introduction to him. Then the ladies of the guild came along and called me out to lunch which was all ready in the church.

Spent a lot of time in the afternoon writing notes to some of the young people of the church to try to get them out to a meeting next Sunday to organize a Sunday Evening Mission Band.

In the late afternoon made three calls but did not find them at home. Find it difficult to get very far at calling in an afternoon until I get the car.

In the evening the Dingles came out. Howard and I went down to the church to see how the basket-ball went off and Mrs D stayed with Ann Mac Gregor while we were gone. They are very nice folks, I hope we can interest them more & more.

Clear + 67

Worked on the sermon and wrote a piece of a new one on Judas. I don't know how it will come out. It is a fine subject one of a series of character studies I hope to give for a number of weeks to come.

Called rather widely in the afternoon but with no very great success as far as finding them in was concerned. Made a good call on Mrs. Post and was lucky enough to find her husband home also. He happened to be a little under the weather which was the reason that I found him.

Find things are opening up very well as the days slip along. Have made about fifty calls now, which is not very many but considering all the things that have been done and the lack of facility in getting about I believe it will do. Of half [illegible] of them are done already. They have been duplicate also —

Cloudy +69

Worked as usual but was not able to get in any study apart from the routine treatment of the sermon. Next Sunday's sermon, moreover, is the last of the series that I have written out and one week after that I would be out of material unless I get the next one done. It is planned and I have written a good piece. I find that the general scheme of the sermon is coming into my mind more and more. I feel the need of this and that material as I go through the course of making up the frame. I am beginning to know where it is along the route of a sermon that I need the material. How much each is for apt illustrations, examples and felicitous similes which I observe go a long way towards helping the people in the seats. Even picturesque words are very useful. My sermons are [illegible] opaque.

Clear + 70

OCTOBRE

24 VENDREDI. S. Erambert 297-68

Anne MacGregor broke one of the clocks, the only one that goes now, and my watch stopped so the day was begun by instinct rather than by knowledge. When I once again made a connection with the world of time, it was now thirty and I was at a point where I am usually at about eight. It made the day a little backward. I had to struggle through the sermon in the face of a good many interruptions. But the weather was very fine and I went out to see Ann [illegible] at the Art Museum in the afternoon. He took me through the place which added quite a bit to its interest. Came home through the university campus. It is a perfect, warm, rainy day on when it is pleasant to be out of doors. I have not yet gotten down to a regular routine of [illegible]. Perhaps I never will.

Clear +68

OCTOBRE

25 SAMEDI. S. Crépin 298-67

Got to work in pretty good season and went once over the sermon, which is my custom on Saturday. I find that I can practically memorize a sermon now after going over it about seven times. That gives me a command of it in great pieces so that all I need is a glance at the first word in a paragraph two or three times during my rendering of it to go from start to finish without any mishaps. Then too, I find that as I continue to preach to a definite company of people, whether they are the same persons or not is not so particular, but in general they are, I come more and more to have a message for them and the idea of getting material for a sermon does not appeal to me as strongly. I find too that I can write off a good many pages without the feeling of running dry at the spring.

Rainy +64

Left betimes and spent a very active day in the work of the Lord. The weather made a little difference in the numbers at all the services. In the evening I gathered in a little group out of which we formed a mission band which I hope and pray will prove to be a great and good thing. There were not many there. but it was a very clever little band and I believe we can build onto it with others who will add much strength to it. There were different ages represented which was a thing that liked very much because the older ones add weight and seriousness while the younger ones enliven it and they each react upon the others in a very beneficial way.

Evening service was very sparse as usual but I believe it will grow more.

Rainy +63

OCTOBRE

27 LUNDI. S. Frumence 300-65

The day started off rather slowly. Got down to the church rather late and tried to do a little work on my sermon but did not make much headway. The series is off that I have been having through the month. The number of people who came was very small. This would be discouraging except that I realize that the whole atmosphere of the church militates against a good evening service. The leaders in the church are unwilling to stand behind. There has been so little live evangelism there for such a long time that the spirit of all has become dried up. There is no idea in the minds of many of the people of what real warm religion is. It will always be impossible to grow seeds so long as the temperature stays just a degree above freezing. The whole crowd is freezing to death a lot of tender buds that would otherwise blossom out beneath bounts.

Clear +57

Went to work with a will on the sermon and did it off on the typewriter with very fair expedition. Had lunch with the ladies at their guild. Went out in the afternoon to speak to the woman's missionary society which met with Mrs. [illegible]. It was a rather brilliant missionary affair but very nice and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves very greatly.
Our telephone was put in this afternoon so that now we do not seem to be so far removed from the rest of the world as we did. It is very good, and we are thankful because one never knows when the phone will be needed.
The time passes very quickly and it will not be long that we shall have life itself. It is a strange hurried existence that we have in preparation for eternity. It sets the mind to wondering sometimes what it is all about anyway.

Clear St 12 A

OCTOBRE

29 MERCREDI. S. Narcisse 302-63

Got to work betimes. They came to put in a telephone in the church study which I have been looking forward to for some time. Donald McCheaney and his father reported themselves and I had lunch with them at the Cleveland Hotel. Stopped at the public library for a book on David Livingstone and came out to the church to wait for the McC's. Brought them out to the house and had dinner. Had to hurry away to prayer meeting at once.

Dr. S. kicked out all the underpinnings of the faith as a preparatory address for communion. He looked at the idea of a God who is angry with sinners, or of an eternal punishment. He deals in general moralities through the entire days but seems to reserve communion Sabbaths for his special flings against all the traditions of his particular faith, all of which is considered very smart these days by a certain class of people —

Clear +69

A quite marked change in the weather. Worked out the sermon to quite a pitch. I find that the steady practice of learning the thing each week brings its own reward. The actual saying of the words becomes increasingly easy and the thoughts come to the foreground more and more. I only wish that a few more people would come out to hear them. I am afraid the first series can not be called a very great success. I did not hear a single really enthusiastic comment. We advertized the fact among our people and they took it very calmly indeed. Some other method will have to be tried. I hope and pray that the success of the cause may be secure in all these various efforts.

Made a couple of calls in the afternoon and have an evening meeting with the deacons.

Cloudy + 73

OCTOBRE

A warm day. Worked as usual. Received another month's pay increased 25% but meant to apply back over Sept. and had the sad task of paying all of it out for the 15th. We were invited down to a very pleasant little evening at the Pines with them alone but Anne Macgregor had arranged to have a large number of persons in for refreshments from upstairs and so we could not do what we would very much have preferred. It would have been a real break in the grind of work for Anne Macgregor a little chance to get away from the house and me a chance to get away from my desk and the work.
I enjoy the routine but tonight I am both tired and sorry. We will have to be very careful in planning our affairs not to conflict with what will help us in the work that we have to do here in the church.

Raining + 60

Did the usual Saturday stunt, but went through over the sermon. Read some in Meyer on John and did a bit of work with the telephone. Spent the afternoon quietly at home with Anne MacGregor. Did one or two things about the house.

Find that little by little our routine is getting outlined by the recurring weeks. We have come to another Saturday and the eve of another Sunday. So the time flies along. Each day has its set of joy and its moment of disappointment. One refuses to take a part in the work of the Lord and another one agrees slowly or gladly to have some little part in our great mission. But I believe the great work is going on and in spite of all the great hindrances that come to us the kingdom is coming day by day. The will of God is to do faithfully the daily task looking unto Him the enlightener and ...

Clear +50

NOVEMBRE

2 DIMANCHE. Les Morts 306-59

Assisted Dr. Sutphen at the Communion. The Sunday School was the best yet. The music was better and the number present was larger.

In the afternoon the mission band met and we had the splendidly large number of seventeen, which was a great gain over seven. But there seems to be a spirit in the thing and who knows God may use it to bring a large number of young folks to know and serve Him better because of it.

The evening service was very light in number but I enjoyed the subject and I believe we can bring something to pass down there yet. We have a good big problem in the Sun but that is what attracts rather than repels. It has always been a problem to draw people to the gospel and to find them [illegible] afterwards. We have to follow the example of the only Leader I believe that will bless. My longing is to lead many to a new and fuller understanding of God in Christ.

Clear + 57

NOVEMBRE

3 LUNDI. S. Papoul 307-58

Had a lazy morning which was thoroughly enjoyed nevertheless. Dr. Sutphen took me down town and we attended a meeting of the ministers club which was very uninteresting. I was elected a member but I do not see that there is much of a chance that there will come any great amount of good from it.

The staff all were brought in office relative to the Bureau meetings. These organization men have to feel a lot of people around them. All that we did could have been done from the school, but no, I must call so that there will be more going on in this office and this be a greater reason for being credited said office. I foresee a whole lot of trouble ahead of us all as these centralizing secularizing men gradually acquire authority. Then they will clamp down on us and we shall have to [illegible] small life inevitably [illegible] paper.

Cloudy +50

NOVEMBRE

4 MARDI. S. Charles B. 308-57

A truly fall day. Wrote out a sermon on the Samaritan woman. My preaching is the thing that concerns me now. I feel that I must study the problem out very thoroughly. I feel my lack very much when I listen to Dr. Sutphen who is unquestionably a very fine pulpit speaker. This can be quite apart from the matter that he preaches. His preparation and his delivery are both excellent. I suppose it is a very good thing for me to be in this atmosphere where the very best I can drive myself to do will only be a very moderate attempt at even approach to the Doctor. In a little place by myself I could be ever so poor a shot if any small group resolved to call me good I would never know that I was anything else but a paragon of homiletic ability.

Made some calls in the afternoon which were very profitable on the whole. Came home in [illegible] [illegible] MacGregor

Snowy + 49

NOVEMBRE

5 MERCREDI. Ste Bertile 309-56

The first snow of the season fell last night and made quite a little blanket upon the ground.
Amari took me down to the church in a car which landed me there in wonderfully early time. The day did not bring so much of comfort labor as I hoped. I went over my sermon until ten and then read some French. I am quite discouraged when I come to my private studies there is so much to be done and I have so little time to do it in. My work is so largely what might be called field work, the odds and ends, such perfectly rootless functions as I was asked to go to this noon which did nothing in the world worth while.
Perhaps as time goes on I can get things in shape so that there will be a definite time every day at least a definite interval every day for reading.

Clear +55

Worked on sermon in the morning and studied some of Clement's letter to the church in Corinth. It may make a very interesting study as a comparison with the style matter and so forth of the Gospels.

Are having a man do over my desk. It began after we reached here to be a white desk with the ultimate intention of having it become a light yellow but that did not seem to be just what we wanted so now we have turned back on our track so to speak and are going to have it the natural oak color just waxed or something of this sort.

We read some of Felix Holt this afternoon while I worked on the desk.

Some new old dining room chairs came in today from Boston. So we get along by inches, as it were, little by little the things we need come along.

Clear +50

Got off a little late this a.m. Anne [illegible] had a very uncomfortable night and I called up the Dr twice. The fire in the furnace went out over night. I was up at four this morning to start it up. When I reached the office there was some necessary telephoning and Mr. Hopkins came in to talk about the plans for moving the church. He is a very interesting man and has some very energetic ideas.

[illegible] that it was time to go down to the City Club to have lunch with a committee who are getting up a program for Armistice Day there next Tuesday.

Called on Mr. McHarg in the afternoon. Later after taking time out to go twice for my sermon for next Sunday. Am planning to change the time back to eleven again in order to fall in line with the rest of the churches in the city.

Clear +59

Again a day wherein I got off rather late to work owing to the way the fire acted. Went over the sermon twice for good measure and then had to go down to the City Club to meet the committee on the Armistice Day celebration. That took until two o'clock and also $1.50 currency to pay for some [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their public affairs. I [illegible] the change it gave me to meet these men.

Hope some time to have this post of the legion come to the Second for a service on some Sunday evening. Would get Dr. Sutphen to preach, have a band to play the hymns and generally make it a large evening. I believe the second chapel [illegible] would come out in large numbers to see such a thing.

Clear +65

NOVEMBRE

9 DIMANCHE. S. Austremoine 313-52

A real day of Indian Summer, as beautiful as it well could be. The day was full of items Bible School, General Business Greeting people at church The Mission Band met in the afternoon and there were twenty four there which was the first we have had yet. The youngsters are beginning to get to know each other and that helps very greatly through the general good time enjoyed by all.

The evening service was about as usual. It is a hard nut to crack. There is the difference between Dr. Sutphen and myself as preachers for one thing. There is the long standing custom that that service should be only a small one. There is the atmosphere of the church which is reputed among strangers to be a cold place. There are all these elements which myself must overcome before I can get a crowd on Sun. evening.

Cloudy + 60

NOVEMBRE

10 LUNDI. S. Léon, p. 314-51

Spent the morning in a very leisurely way. Went down street about noon and attended two committee meetings. Came back to the house after they were over. Received word that our Ford has arrived and is ready to use. Planned to have it insured in every way to prevent loss. Because of the ways they are for protecting it from being stolen, did not have it insured against theft.

The day has not been particularly fruitful of helpful ideas. I am concerned for next Sunday's sermon. I do not find it easy to prepare them. The fewness of the congregation seems to mean that the present style is lacking, whereas there do not seem to be very many other styles of preaching that aim to do the thing which I want to do.

Perhaps a thorough study of the problem will bring some light to me on it.

Clear +60

The first anniversary of the Armistice was celebrated somewhat in this city. By virtue of the fact that I have been selected to be the chaplain of the Motor Transport Post #48 of the American Legion there and the added fact that they feed in the movement to have a celebration in the city, I was asked to make the prayer at the big mass meeting that was held down on the Public Square.

There were bands. All people stood silently for two minutes after Eleven as a mark of respect for the dead. It was all a very interesting ceremony and I was glad to be able to have a part in it. I want to identify myself with the city and the various interests so that my message will have a more potent effect upon the hearts of people when they feel my sympathy with their public interests.

Clear +38

Spent a very useful forenoon looking at the problem of sermon making. I decided to have a fund of ideas and put them down on paper. There are about ten sermon topics that I am going to try to prepare myself to speak on. For next Sunday I have changed my tactics somewhat with the hope that it will help me to improve my sermons. This week I am not going to write out the sermon until near the end, and then not take the written fully written sermon into the pulpit but have only the outlines. This I believe will give me a far greater sense of freedom. Then I can see how the words fall. I can then keep well within my time limit and not fully develop the thought. This appeals to me as being the proper way [illegible] the thought [illegible] instead of staying hemmed writing out all in one place and all at once.

Clear + 50

Brought the car up to the house and did a little work with it and found it to be a very great help indeed. Went down town before luncheon on some errands. Made two calls in the late afternoon and brought the Sulphens over to supper with us. We all spent a very pleasant evening together and I returned them home at the end of it.

The days are very full of business and there is a full share of delight along with it.

Little by little the routine is getting framed up. I must now turn to private study and reading. The afternoons ought to be filled mostly with calling which will be easier to accomplish now with the car. My sermons to be helpful must be the product of a certain amount of careful study. And if I am to grow I must take some time for private study not devoted to the immediate getting of sermons

Clem + 45

NOVEMBRE

14 VENDREDI. S. Claude 318-47

went down to the study in the automobile. It was a good deal of an adventure but I made up my mind that the only way to learn to drive was to begin at once to practice and if [illegible] I encountered the [illegible] emergencies [illegible] the former I might be master of the technique. Came home to luncheon with Mrs. Laumelh.., Jane Wachelt, Mrs. Ing.. & Mrs. Ubbey and ... They were a delightful group and brought up a luncheon with them which they enjoyed. It was just one of the spontaneous friendly things to do that made me feel as if we were getting a little acquainted with the people.

Meeting of the Elders, Deacons and Trustees at the Univ. Club in the evening at a dinner. It was a very fine affair and the subject mostly dealt with was the proposition to move the church to a new location. I believe it could well be done to the improvement of our usefulness.

Clear + 50

Got off to work in pretty good shape and felt a great satisfaction to go down in the car. Went over the sermon and then had some errands to do down town. Spent most of the afternoon at the house helping at various things. We went after gas and some alcohol for the car and had some ice cream at Millers Drug Store.

Made one call late in the p.m. Hope next week to have a perfect orgy of calling all over. I will be getting surer of wheel every day now. It feels like an old game already but every drive adds somewhat to my knowledge and confidence. I had no idea that it was so easy, except the fact that I have seen so many women and very ordinary men managing cars that I figured it could not be such a very difficult task for me. I really have driven on my a priori idea that I might be able and therefor was able to do it.

Clear +60

NOVEMBRE

16 DIMANCHE. S. Eucher 320-45

Went through with the day's schedule without anything especially note-worthy to record. The Bible School and the mission Band had a rather light attendance. All these things we try to do are all of them hard to keep up. It seems to require an endless amount of labor and there does not seem ever to be a very large amount of cooperation from other people. It makes one wonder at times whether all we try to do really is the right thing to do, if it is so hard. There is always the tendency to feel that the easier thing must somehow be the right thing to do.

I wish more of the young folks cared to come to this Sunday afternoon band that meets. There seems to be only a very fair degree of interest manifested on the part of a limited number who are already into things pretty well.

Clear +63

Supposedly this was a day off but I made use of a good part of it in going over again on the weight-scale and taking lunch with the [illegible] who are very delightful people indeed. I stayed a very long time but [illegible] they wanted it and I was glad to submit myself to their wishes.

Called on [illegible] [illegible], spent [illegible] [illegible] and spent a very [illegible] half hour [illegible] going over my [illegible] of that evening. He has very good [illegible] to offer and I believe he can help me a very great deal [illegible] continual criticism for he is a very unusual preacher I think from a technical point of view.

He said some preaching had the quality of [illegible] which was a characteristic of a thoroughly [illegible] homiletic [illegible] of the preachers etc.

Cloudy + 54

NOVEMBRE

18 MARDI. S. Odon 322-43

Promptly on the stroke of midnight beginning the day Anne Grace [illegible] felt some suspicious signs and was to call by phone Dr. [illegible]. She quickly she began to have the pains at ten-minute intervals. Ay said to bring the clothes and take her over to the hospital which we did, the going being as smooth as [illegible] landed at the hospital about 12.30 on a little [illegible] snow. [illegible] Payne Robinson was on the case, sleepy and husky & [illegible] graces although I had taken three weeks [illegible] she would [illegible] needed his [illegible].

Snatched a little sleep between 4.00 & 5.00 a.m. after everything was over, [illegible] had seen our Baby. [illegible] breakfast [illegible] and a delightful evening with the [illegible]. Then up the [illegible] raining [illegible]

Cloudy + 40

A real November day. Went down to see the little girl and her baby and found them both in good shape. Worked on my Greek Testament for an hour or so at the church and some on the sermon.

Took lunch and dinner at Clark's Restaurant at 55th Street. Made a goodly number of calls in the afternoon on the outlying streets of the village. Prayer meeting came along in the evening and I prefaced it by a call on the Dean Ames. There was a lot of flowers to be seen in the tables and Anne Ames Fuller looks very much better all the while.

The young man is a few days ahead of his schedule and he will have to be a bit careful of him for some time but I'll he will swing into shape and prove himself to be a man all in good time.

Clear +42

NOVEMBRE

20 JEUDI. S. Edmond 324-41

Stopped on the way in at the house for a time, went to see the poor ones and found them all right. Stopped going [illegible] Sedamont of the church [illegible] and had luncheon down town with Mrs. Britton.

Called in the afternoon and went again to the hospital. It seems quite strange to think that the long wanted day has at last come and the boy we have been thinking and for whom we have been praying has at last been given us. God willing it is going to be a very happy Christmas all together in our own home here.

Had a committee meeting of some of the Sunday School teachers and [illegible] Mrs. Ireland's house. It illustrated what a very great help the Ford car is proving as it brought [illegible] and it made the place in very good time and were back again within a few minutes.

Clear + 60

Another day of the new night with a sun on earth [illegible] friends [illegible]. Gradually he is coming [illegible] to become [illegible] of the scheme of things. Called twice on his darling mother and [illegible]. Felt very tired and sleepy all the day. Some more furniture coming [illegible] took up some of my time.

The sermon did not get any very great amount of attention. I fear I will be a little under prepared on it next Sunday evening. But there will be enough extra enthusiasm along to carry us through.

The dime advertising [illegible] on one of the [illegible] [illegible] said [illegible] heard that I was making quite a stir out at the second church. The work is all intensely interesting and as far as I can see little but a result that gives me an assurance I shall be as happy as [illegible] can be in my work. There has been a great deal going on [illegible] [illegible] in our family all night.

Clear + 55

Began again but clear of the night our sermon but singing did not fit into it very well. I guess the Lord will have to give me extra inspiration on the morrow. I feel pretty tired and sleepy all of myself. Spent a part of the day at the hospital with the dear ones. The young man is [illegible] and [illegible] along well enough. Aunt [illegible] seems to be well and [illegible] a very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have been [illegible] well cared for [illegible] [illegible] we do realize that it has been [illegible] peculiar care [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It has blessed [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] no other people have been blessed and we [illegible] every day [illegible] the [illegible] which is [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] imagines [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] can look [illegible] them [illegible] right

The Sunday program went off in pretty good shape. The day grew rapidly worse until evening church time when there was rain and hail and lightning. The number at service was smaller than last week although might be the largest we have ever had. There were more men than women, and very largely young people.

I was very happy to see them because I would greatly love to see built up a good company of young people there on Sunday evenings. I believe perhaps God has fitted me in a way especially for them.

I had the most comment on my sermon tonight that I have ever had. It seemed to hit the people very well and strike down into their hearts. I pray that our God may bless it and make it profitable to His cause in the world.

Stewart Flemm has got away well and doing nicely.

Clear + 53

NOVEMBRE

24 LUNDI. Ste Flore 328-37

Spent a part of the morning working about the house trying to get the last ends of our unpacking done before Ann Margaret comes home with Stewart Payne. Stored up the rest of some red room furniture and cleaned up the floors a bit.

Went to the hospital for a good part of the afternoon after doing some errands about the street. The little chap was quite opinionated on the subject of his meals and is making quite a lot of trouble in learning to get his meals. Have I ever since which rather have seen fit to offer him the bag in a bottle and he seems to prefer that more made in that way the better.

We all said our prayers together tonight for the first time which was a very happy experience indeed. Little Stewart was fussy with his meal but stopped long enough to smile at the sweetest of things. He is a dear little fellow. Had dinner with the Payne family which made it a very nice time indeed.

Cloudy +59

Called on the Dear Ones and found that Stewart had just been a very good boy about the matter of taking his meals. [illegible] present at the [illegible] a.m. feeding and he was perfectly lovely because the [illegible] seemed to [illegible] him off just right. Aunt Margaret reported [illegible] that he was arranged again at two o'clock and she was much elated at the thought that he was now going to be a good boy.

Called on the [illegible] who [illegible] the settlement in which the Second Church has been interested. They are a very nice young couple who are carrying on a fine humanitarian work among Jews and colored people. But I do not understand that they have any religious [illegible] of their work at all and it seems that Christian charity apart from the Gospel is not understood or thoroughly appreciated by.

Rainy + 50

NOVEMBRE

26 MERCREDI. S. Lin, p. m. 330-35

A very bad day as to weather, but thanks to the mystic I did not suffer but went about my business with very good success. Worked in the earlier hours at home over the sermon and at other things. Had a good visit with the Dearings and saw the boy take a meal. Studied in great peace and comfort one chapter of John in the church. A fight half matter me some trouble and went from church back to see Anna Macfagan. Thence I called on Mrs. Dunton and found to the Sutphens for dinner. Her the Dr. asked me to take the prayer meeting and that I did and none of them went down.

A few were out and we had a shorter meeting than usual and a very nice time. Poor Mrs. Knowles came late and missed most of it of it a result. Took in by just to this inner of things several places of dropping off—

Cloudy +50

A real Thanksgiving Days temperature and weather. Spent about four hours of the day with Anne Marie Gugis. There was a service held at the church in the morning but it was an indifferent success to my way of thinking.

Had a delicious dinner with the Pines and P. H. Collins. They are very lovely people indeed and make me feel very much at home in truth. The days march on and the week slips away under my fingers. I am coming to feel that the early morning hours are the choice ones if I can arrange to get up and have a bit of breakfast and get to my work.

The trouble usually will be that there will be too much going on in the house and I will not be able to be really alone with the work which is the thing that I need very much for some time each day. I feel hurried and harried always.

Cloudy + 41

NOVEMBRE

28 VENDREDI. S. Sosthène 332-33

I went over the sermon and read a little of Addison. Made a call on the dear [illegible] at the hospital and went to the study where I had a profitable time with the Greek Testament. I am beginning to have a guilty feeling about my Greek. I find the words that are always turning up in Greek are all very long beyond my memory. I can hardly pronounce them, let alone know what they mean. Alas I had a very moderate education & my [illegible] helpful some of these fundamentals would be to me now. I only really acquired a very few things in my seminary that have helped me any. All that wasted time that I spent listening to the [illegible] puffing of wind about all the little side shows which are of absolutely no value to me now that I am away from them. The modern world is really out of joint. Alas that I was born to set it right. But we will do what we can toward the best—

Cloudy +55

NOVEMBRE

29 SAMEDI. S. Saturnin 333-32

A warm and high wind blew hard all day. Up at six a.m. worked on the sermon, went to the hospital and found [illegible] [illegible] with headache and [illegible] behaving ill because he had been given a bottle the night before and so was [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Went on to the study and worked on the speech [illegible]. Had lunch with the Flockharts and made some calls in the afternoon. Worked around [illegible] to the hospital and saw the [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Little [illegible] was awake and showed a good deal of life and animation.

The week is over and the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] does seem to spread very rapidly and [illegible] [illegible] to see just what happens each week [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Cloudy +29

A busy day and yet there did not seem to be very much at the end to show for it. The attendance all day was not so good as it has been before, we seemed to slip back rather than move forward. There was anything discouraging rather than encouraging all through the day.

I was not particularly well satisfied with my sermon tonight either. I do not believe I had it so well in hand and I was a little below the mark in point of spirit too, perhaps my plan of getting up early on Sunday is a poor one. It makes too long a day when the brunt of the work falls on the latter end of it rather than in the morning.

The Dear Ones are doing well. That is a great cause for rejoicing. We have many things to be thankful for and we have large opportunities. We are trying to do a big thing and we are working against great odds!

Cloudy +35

Spent the forenoon in the house - unpacking and setting up the stove, reading a little, looking over my financial accounts and sending off some paid bills. Our expenses are being rather strenuous this year. They will be this way until we can get finally settled. The heavy items are the initial expenses which we are meeting. We have a debt now of three hundred dollars and a little obligation quite as large. But we have a good income even for these days of high expenses and by being careful I believe we can safely weather the gale. There is just a bit of harm that comes from doing some close figuring and that's what we are doing.

Spent most of the afternoon very happily with Anna Jima[?] ... and saw Glen[?] ... for a while in the evening

Cloudy + 32

DECEMBRE

2 MARDI. S. Anthème 336-29

Worked laboriously on my sermon. I do not yet thoroughly understand the art of sermonizing. It is still very hard for me and each sermon comes out of me with much difficulty and often it is not very good. I always feel that I can fortify my sermons sadly need better illustrations. They are what give lang and spirit to a talk of this kind and go very far towards leaving an impression on the mind. They pick up and fix the attention which otherwise may wander during the whole discourse. The whole subject is one which is very much on my mind and heart now and I am anxious to get speedily to the point where I can own a real sermon factory and have several sermons on the ways and be making all my work tend towards that one end. Up to date I have not yet struck on the key the thing which tells.

Clear + 20

I wrote out my sermon for Sunday. Went to the church. Studied the Raising of Lazarus in prayer. I believe the time devoted to slow and careful study of the Gospel quoting & comparing together with one after another of the great commentators will tell in the long run in my work. If my business is to relay on the great Gospel of my Lord and Saviour I must keep myself saturated with it and that only will come with careful and methodical study. I am only sorry that there is not more time that can be devoted but as time goes on that may seem to be a possibility. There are many things that I would like very much to do and only by patience can I succeed in getting them done one by one —

Clear + 34

Arose at 6 a.m. and worked until nine. Went around the hospital and found Anne Mac Gregor anxious to come home. Went to the church and did some work. Made a goodly number of calls in the afternoon. Went out in the evening to speak at the First Ref. Christian Church at their church night. It was one of their popular affairs to get the people together in a social way. The social feature of the church is a thing that our people lack sadly. They have very little community of interest apart from the fact they all come more or less regularly to hear Dr. Sutphen deliver a Sunday morning oration. The question of the right and wrong of church methods seems to me to be a very pressing one. The Romanists are busy making incantations and the Protestants making speeches. One [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] other of doing things neither class being out.

Cloudy + 36

DECEMBRE

5 VENDREDI. S. Sabas 339-26

The day was full to overflowing because Anne Mac Gregor and Stuart Taylor came this afternoon. I was kept on the jump all day. Then we have a new girl from the [illegible] begin [illegible] her with [illegible] has come to the school and to learn our ways. She has great possibilities and seems to have a lot of [illegible] but she needs training and Anne Mac Gregor is not yet able to give it to her. I hope to bring her up to [illegible] things without comment and that Anne Mac Gregor will be back in the [illegible] and able to help direct her because she will not make very much progress with me as her sole instructor in the course of her household duties. She might develop into a very fine girl indeed —

Cloudy + 40

DECEMBRE

6 SAMEDI. S. Nicolas 340-25

Made a rather tardy start this day because I went to bed pretty well tired out by virtue of all the excessive busyness of the preceding day. Minnie the Kentucky mountain girl proves to be more competent and seems to be able to grasp things fairly quickly.

Reached the Hotel Statler in time to meet Mr. Buttam and had lunch with him at a luncheon given by the Federated Churches. Dr. Jefferson of [illegible] and Bishop Fred Smith. They said some good things with which I very thoroughly agreed.

Came home and tried to prepare my mind for the Sabbath. The work here goes along without there seeming to be very much progress made along any line. The work drags behind the expectation and does not come up to the standard that I would like to see it reach.

Cloudy + 49

Went down to church and went through the program about as usual. The day was not fruitful in any great amount of encouragement. The music class which meets in the afternoon is always a delightful thing and a thing that I feel all of its members are coming to enjoy more and more as the weeks go along. I wish there were a few men whom we could get lined up in it. We could stand having about six more or so without feeling in any way crowded.

The Evening service was rather discouraging. There is always about the same shifting delegation. There is no one there to greet them. The atmosphere of the place is not at all conducive to the warmth of feeling. The whole place is dominated by the lecture attitude and there is in reality no church there at all only a group who are willing to support a lyceum.

Clear +55

[illegible] as in the
present system. He spoke
in different ways about
the [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] Dr. J. Campbell
Morgan at the [illegible]
Opera House. He certainly
presented a perfectly
wonderful exposition of
Ps 55 and in particular
the 6-14 verses [illegible]
the Lord. [illegible]
wicked ways and
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
pardon. He showed what
a real sermon was.
I was amused and
delighted. He showed
the most conspicuous
features of the true
preacher, a thorough
familiarity with his
subject. He seems to be
a man steeped in the
word of truth. [illegible]
[illegible] he has made
that great book of the Bible
his particular field.
When he speaks it is
about the things
that are in the Bible
and so he has a
message for men because
[illegible] for them

Cloudy + 50

Looked over possible subjects for next Sunday. Did not fully decide in the morning but believe at evening that "The strength of the Servant" & "The Application" will do the work.

Went to church after trying to make a call on the way. Hurried on alone to meet Mr. O. L. Button with whom I went to Chamber of Commerce luncheon and heard Bishop Williams speak. He made a most remarkable speech on the treaty and generally upon the need of getting a religious view point for the present age.

Had conference with Dr. Simpkins in p.m. at the Statler. Came out to make a call on Mrs. Higgins which was very interesting. Went to hear very wonderful talk upon the obligations of the church by Dr. Morgan. Spoke to him afterwards. He was a most inspiring speaker and filled me with a new confidence

Cloudy + 20

A seemingly desperately cold day with a strong wind and snow. Went out about 9.30. Drove to church and worked there. Heard Dr. Morgan at noon after big happy lunch at the church with the Flockharts. Made some calls later and struggled back home about five o'clock glad to come home to a coal heated home with a coal cooked supper waiting for me. These cold days make the gas very low and all who use it are complaining about it. So while in the hot weather the stove is a care still in the cold weather it is a great blessing and the stove in the kitchen is the finest place in the world for Sonny to bask while he is taking his bath.

He is progressing after a proper method we are told and we pray that he may speedily come on to years of stature and favor with God and man.

Pt Clear + 42

Did a little studying in the Greek. Had the first of the men's luncheons and it was a great success according to the general consent. I hope in this way to bring together the men of the church and have them enjoy seeing each other and getting the better acquainted. There were several today who did not know certain others of the congregation.

Worked some on the sermon and went down in the evening to hear Gregory again. This time his subject was on Bible study. It was very fine indeed. His method of Bible presentation is very good.

I am thinking now about organizing our so called Sunday School over into a new system of real Bible instruction and of devoting myself to the teaching of most of the children myself. I wonder if it would be how successful the scheme would be. I would like to work it first

Clear +55

DECEMBRE

12 VENDREDI. S. Paul, év. 346-19

Finished writing out the sermon and went to the study. Did a fair portion of work. Lunched at the Baptist Church and heard Morgan speak to the ministers on preaching. It was good, very plain, very simple and much to the point. I thought that he said five hours of quiet in the study was needed every day by a minister who was to do any preaching. I imagine he meant to prepare for the normally full quota of a minister's three deliverances. I guess Dr. [illegible] puts all of that amount of time in his study. I do not because I have to be busy here and there doing the [illegible] work of the parish. I am willing to do them but I must keep up with my studying at the same time. Because my ultimate usefulness to the Kingdom depends on that time spent in learning from God's word the lessons He has there for all men. It gives young men enthusiasm and new ideas which are what I most need.

Cloudy + 40

DECEMBRE

13 SAMEDI. Ste Luce 347-18

Slept rather late than usual owing to the festivities of the Chandler party last evening. Read in Fairbairn's book on the philosophy of the Christian Religion with great interest. Went over my sermon once or twice, getting its line of thought in my mind. The day has been very quiet indeed and very delightful.

Annie has prayer got up and dressed along late in the afternoon and it seemed like meeting her all over again so good was it to have her again up and her old sweet self again.

Ours is a very happy home, one that has been blessed in countless ways and we are truly thankful to God our Father for all that He has so graciously given to us out of His bountiful mercies.

We wait now on the eve of the Lord's own day. May we rejoice and be glad in it.

Snowy +30

DECEMBRE

14 DIMANCHE. S. Honorat 348-17

Bible School - practiced the songs for Christmas - Church - doctor had a sermon which pleased several of his people mightily but which did not move me very much. These days are causing me to fit very minutely over the grounds of my call to the ministry & see just wherein I can effectively serve this people whose mind is in any notion so far removed from the right idea of a church and what it ought to be in this place.

The Sunday afternoon club met at the Turley's. It is proving to be a very useful thing bringing me into friendly contact with a group most of whom are destined to grow up sundered absolutely from any vital faith in Christ and thereby by from any great degree of usefulness to their fellow men. Selfcentered lives are to be the result unless some power from God will move in their lives and regenerate them again.

Snowy + 25

A very [illegible] day in which I
was able to do quite a
number of things. [illegible]
to the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in very
good shape.
In [illegible] a [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] up the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] into the [illegible],
[illegible] [illegible] not [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
them. [illegible] [illegible]
whenever any one
really [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] but no
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] them along
that line.
The work here drags
very much because no
one is really interested
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in
[illegible].

Cloudy + 45

DECEMBRE

16 MARDI. Ste Adélaïde 350-15

The day was rather busy and rather profitable on the whole. Heard Dr. Morgan give a most illuminating address on the man born blind. He is so filled with knowledge of this Bible that he unfolds the interest by the sheer application of the mind to the problem that he is always working on.

Believe that in the long run that is the thing which means the most to the world: the teaching of the facts of the Bible in clear and unequivocal terms so that the impression is that of having a perfectly definite message for all the world. The great trouble seems to be today that everyone is hazy in their minds about just where we are going and why and to what reward. And it is still very hard for me and is limiting the progress of the kingdom. Indecision and indecisiveness are the cardinal sin of today

Cloudy + 3 20

Studied at home today and went down to church in time to do some telephoning and other items of business. Heard Morgan at noon on the baptism of Christ. He gave a remarkable exposition of the passage and left a great impression. I have felt a great deal of profit upon the times I have listened to him.

Made a string of calls in the afternoon in spite of the fact that I was needed severely in a committee over religious education. There was nothing very worth while done. It seems to me that most of such committee work is largely a scheme to make work rather than to get work done. If folks there would get out and really lead in business, I think this would be a far greater gain to the kingdom of God. I think we are all too anxious to make ourselves felt in an organization, and too little inclined to make ourselves felt as individual forces in the world.

Clear +12

Worked on sermon and went to study not long before lunch time. A very good company were on hand for the luncheon and professed themselves to have had a very good time. Made a couple of calls in the afternoon and took Amy Macfagan down on a shopping tour. before dinner. Am invited to go this evening to the Twentieth Century Club to hear the daughter of Clemenceau speak. I suppose in her own country she is about like Margaret Wilson was over there which does not mean such a very large amount after all.

The sermon this week has not gone along any too well. But Sunday is more a day for song than for the spoken word and so perhaps we shall be all in good order. I have plenty of material but not yet in very much of a shape.

Clear +18

Studied - the sermon this week has not gone along with any particular eclat. A sermon is not yet a natural form of expression for me. With the best I can do, it is still rather artificial. I feel that I have a message but the sermon has not as yet been able to carry it out of me. All this makes these troublesome times. I believe that in time by patient work I will gradually come to the place where my messages will come out of the real source. If there was a little more response I would feel better about it but there has been little or no response as yet.

Heard Dr. Morgan at noon time and went to Kaneeanuu Home's coming out early in the late afternoon. The car broke down and left me in a bad way out on the road but a friend brought me home.

Clear + 20

DECEMBRE

20 SAMEDI. S. Philogone 354-11

Spent the day at home very quietly. Studied a bit and moved my study into another room which is going to be far better for my work I believe. I was rather out in the way of all the servants of the house and only separated from them by a curtain which was not at all conducive to concentration.

Went out late in the afternoon and got my car which had to have a new rear axle. This was the first sort of trouble that I had had with the car and I was surprised when it happened.

This is about the shortest day of the year and recalls the chill days when I was huddled up at Bonnemaison in that old chateau with the other poor souls who disliked it as much as I did. The sermon for tomorrow does not satisfy

Clear + 40

21 DIMANCHE. S. Thomas. ap. 355-10

The day was uneventful. There was only a handfull out in the evening. I believe that some new plan will have to be tried to attract people to that service. I want to do something that will draw people there so they may be helped to find in Christ a Saviour. I am very sure of my purpose but I am not at all sure of my best method to try. The picture on the screen has come to play a large place in modern life. I wonder if it can be used in religion. The organ was frowned upon once and now it has come to be the church's instrument. I am inclined now to try the picture machine out and see whether or not we can make anything out of it for the glory of the King dom. At present we are not doing such a great amount of good.

Cloudy + 28

DECEMBRE

2 LUNDI. S. Yves, év. 356-9

Read mostly at home [illegible] great part of the day. Made some calls in the afternoon but find this a poor time to call. Everyone is busy with home duties or is out shopping. Am troubled about next week's sermons. Somehow I have not yet caught the right idea of my preaching. Every sermon is an effort in the wrong sense. I am beginning to think that the main matter of each sermon is not enough a matter of my prayerful desire to impart some spiritual gift to others, but too much the idea that I have a text to preach upon. My subject comes to me first. I find I am naming the sermon before I have written it or even thought about it. These things ought not so to be it does not seem.

Home now is very lovely with all the things we have to make it truly happy. Our lives have been very wonderfully blessed in every way and we are at a very genuinely merry Christmas.

Clear +49

Spent the morning in study at home and at the college library, on the trail of a subject for a short discourse next Sunday in connection with the music. There are so few there that it is hard to know just what to say. I have not learned just what kind of a sermon a wooden pew likes to hear. Whatever they hear they stay in the church and that is more than can be said for those who sit in them once in a while.

I feel that in some way a crowd must be built up. They will not come to hear me with my present reputation so slight. Only a very few will come to hear a strange subject talked about. The regular service does not appeal to them so much as do the services of churches up [illegible] along side of us. What is needed is some event or [illegible] among a large enough group who can [illegible] it across —

Cloudy #40

DECEMBRE

MERCREDI. Ste Delphine 358-7

Delivered some Christmas cheer with some of the members of the Sunday Afternoon Club much to the joy of the recipients and to the upbuilding of the youngsters. Read a very impressive book on Christianity, modern Heathenism, tending to show that the whole modern arrangement of Christianity was only a studied effort to conform to the world in every possible way, with the result that Christianity thereby lost its greatest apologetic, which is neither miracle, the Resurrection nor any theological doctrine, but a human life at which the world is made to wonder and say whence has this and this one these things. How can he be so and do so. To be made or beside himself. There is no fervor, no enthusiasm, no idealism in the first sense of that word.

Clear +39

A great contrast from one
year ago when I spent
a very disconsolate day
at Bouguenais and at
Les Couets.
Our stockings hung before
the fire place and were
filled with good things
in the morning. The day
was a very happy and
very blessed one with
its memory of all the
way in which we have
been led since two years
ago when last we
spent this day together.
Much has come to pass
in the mean time.
We took Stewart Payne out
in the automobile for his
second ride. He came up
from the hospital in the
ambulance when he
was less than three weeks
old. He seemed to enjoy
it every moment. We
stopped in to see
the Collins at their
home. They have a
very lovely household
of all things especially
in the midst of their
Christmas festivities.
So the day ends in joy
and in peace of
mind because of Him.

Cloudy + 45

Studied - went down town last night to Lau [illegible] and [illegible] my [illegible] there in connection with the work, and had some light. I prayed [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] helped to see some things this morning I [illegible] [illegible] passages of Scripture which I am going to use on Sunday. I do believe that what is needed is more preaching from God's word - that is distinctively aimed at showing the people what there is there for them. I question whether many souls are won to allegiance to Christ by simply discoursing in general terms about the Kingdom of Heaven in relation to the world at large. There is a place for that element, but it ought not predominate. I am also taking over the church calendar in order to conform it more to my idea of what such things should be.

There is much work to be done in the world.

Studied. Went down town on errand. Called on the Rodmans to ask them to join the church. He was brought up a Presbyterian while she is a Quaker. They [illegible]. I fear they would not pass a very high test on theology according to the Westminster Confession. The question is what must a person believe to be a professed follower of Christ. I told them that according to my idea anyone could conscientiously join who accepted the will as their Lord. I do not believe that one can say in detail what every characteristic of such an acceptance shall be. Terminology is after all of minor importance. This is an age when men are expressing everything in their own way. It hardly seems justifiable to demand of them that they be accomplished theologians. In fact the leadership of Christ in the life seems to me to sum up the matter in a short compass. There is something at fault with our system somewhere.

Cloudy +46

Went through the schedule. The afternoon class was particularly big owing to the presence of those who are home from school for the holidays. It was indeed a delightful group that was together this afternoon. How I want to mould them slowly into firm believers and ardent followers of Christ. That is the very best I can wish for them. I could do no more for them were I their father. And I only wish their parents all had the same high hopes for them that I have. They can become a strong and powerful force in the work of the kingdom of Christ. I pray for them. I want them to be very fruitful in the vineyard. What a glorious thing to lead a group like that into the service of the Lord Christ. The very idea is thrilling.

I also long to be able to effect something in the evening service. That is not a very extensive thing yet and does not seem to have started up in any sort of shape as yet.

Clear +39

Spent morning mostly working on a new idea in the way of a weekly calendar for the church. I am taking charge of it now. Went down to a Christmas party for the little folks at the church and found it was a very pretty affair. I was very much surprised at the remarkably attractive dresses some of the children. Children are usually attractive to me anyway.
Perhaps here and there things are beginning to fall into line here. It seems that once in a while I catch a gleam of hope on the horizon. It will undoubtedly be a slow process. Everything here is pretty well settled in its adamantine state of immobility and there is always a danger of producing a catastrophe if one uses any kind of strong blasting powder. I am trying in one way and another to thaw out the ice jam. I hope that there will be a little response all along the line. coming all the time.

Clear +30

DECEMBRE

30 MARDI. S. Sabin 364-1

Went down to attend one of the sessions of the American Political Science Society. It was only moderately interesting. One speaker explained a lot about the Russian situation that was very illuminating. A Russian nobleman followed him with a very poor paper all about Russia without stating any facts. He or any one for that matter could have done it by just filling in the surface of any work on constitutional government with the word Russia or Russian whenever it was needed.

Had a conference with Dr. Sutphen in the afternoon and arrived time MacGregor to a musical and let a contract for printing our church calendar.

The future plan for the evening service is not yet definitely settled. That service needs a good deal of cultivating to make it draw out a crowd to get the good we desire.

Clear + 41

Studied in the morning. Had a council of war with our mountaineers to find out how we stood. Went out in the afternoon on some errands. All the lights were out in the evening and so I am closing out the old year by the light of a candle just as I began it so far away in Nantes. I slept through last new years midnight and I hope and pray to be able to sleep through this one. A great deal has transpired since that other day.

All the way God has led us and has brought us to this hour in peace and in His care who does always keep us in all our ways.

Stewart Payne is the most important item of God's love towards us. He is well and full of promise in every way.

So the day is over, and with the day the year - and some day life. God grant that we may be found in Him at that day not having our own righteousness but that which is in Christ Jesus our Lord - Amen -